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Monitoring panel on security zone violations set up

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WASHINGTON

MORE than two months after it helped broker the Operation Grapes of Wrath cease-fire, the State Department on Friday announced the formation of a committee to monitor any violations in or near the security zone.

The agreement was concluded after weeks of US-Israeli consultations, an Israeli official said. But it took a one-hour meeting at the State Department on Friday afternoon between American, Israeli, Syrian, Lebanese, and French representatives to wrap up the understanding.

The April 26 cease-fire brokered by Secretary of State Warren Christopher specifically prohibits attacks against civilians or from civilian areas. Christopher gave then-premier Shimon Peres a side letter the following week stating that also prohibited the planning of attacks elsewhere then hiding among civilians.

Several remaining areas of disagreement on the rules of operations of the monitoring committee were hammered out in the meeting.

According to the official, if a violation occurs in Lebanon, it will be investigated by American, French and Lebanese officials — and by a Syrian, if Damascus so desires; if in Israel, by an American, French and Israeli; and if in the security zone, Israel and Syria will not participate but "are expected to enable them to conduct the investigation."

The question of when an investigation would be conducted was also resolved, although the official refused to reveal the decision. But he implied it preserves Israel's right to retaliate immedi-

Haredim, police clash in capital

UTJ to table no-confidence over Bar-Ilan 'police pogrom'

BILL HUTMAN
and EVELYN GORDON

UNITED Torah Judaism announced last night that it will file a no-confidence motion against the government unless Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit is fired instantly, due to what the party termed a police "pogrom" against demonstrators on Rehov Bar-Ilan over Shabbat.

Thousands of haredim demanding the road's closure on Shabbat clashed yesterday with police and secular demonstrators who challenged the haredim by driving up and down the road.

MK Avraham Ravitz (UTJ) said that while the party does not want to bring down a government of which it is part, it sees no other way to force Amit and various other senior police officials out. Simply discussing the problem with the government, he said, did not work.

Ravitz said he tried to head off a confrontation by calling Amit on Friday to ask him to close the road on Shabbat. Though the Transport Ministry could not close the road because of a High Court of Justice injunction, the police have the right to do so if necessary to preserve the peace, he explained.

"I told him that when 10,000 people are demonstrating there, the road must be closed to prevent bloodshed," he said.

However, he continued, Amit not only refused to close the road, but then used excessive violence against the demonstrators.

"They conducted a pogrom against Jews," he said. "They beat women, they beat children, they went into houses..."

After this, he said, the party sees no way to continue living with Amit in command of the Jerusalem police.

"We respect the [haredi residents'] way of life, but we aren't going to allow them to force it upon us," said Meretz city councillor Ornan Yekutieli, who led the secular protesters' motorcade yesterday afternoon.

About 50 cars took part in the motorcade. Yekutieli said next week Meretz would organize supporters from Tel Aviv and other areas to protest again the closure of the road, which leads to Jerusalem's northern neighborhoods.

Haredi residents said they are the majority in the area, and it is their right to quiet on Shabbat. There are alternative roads secular drivers can use if Bar-Ilan is closed, they said.

Haredi activist Yehuda Meshi-Zahav said a protest next Shabbat would include "tens of thousands



A border policeman chases a haredi demonstrator during clashes on Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Grapes of Wrath monitors to be based in Nakoura

DAVID RUDGE

THE first meeting of the five-country committee to monitor the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings is to be held at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura later this week.

The UN peacekeeping force's command base had originally been suggested by Lebanon and Syria as the permanent meeting place for the monitoring committee.

It appears this was subsequently agreed to by Israel during Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to Washington.

The news was announced to UNIFIL during a visit to the force's headquarters yesterday by French Ambassador to Lebanon Henri Lafont.

Lafont visited the peacekeeping force's French contingent, responsible for the security of the UNIFIL headquarters, to mark France's independence day.

During a ceremony at the sprawling base, Lafont announced that obstacles that had delayed the establishment of the monitoring committee had been overcome.

He told the gathering that the committee, to be composed of representatives from Israel, Lebanon, Syria, the US, and France, would be based at Nakoura and that the first meeting was likely to be held later this week.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said the force had not yet been informed about the arrangements needed to host the commit-

tee.

"We assume that the UN secretary-general will be approached on Monday with the requirements of the monitoring group and we will make the necessary arrangements," said Goksel.

The UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura is situated inside the IDF and South Lebanese Army-controlled security zone. One of the first logistical problems would be how to enable Lebanese and Syrian representatives to reach the area.

They would have to cross SLA checkpoints on the border and inside the zone to reach Nakoura, or be flown directly to the headquarters in UN helicopters.

This method was used in late 1984 when the base was the center for military talks between Israel and Lebanon on security arrangements to end the Lebanon War.

The compound has been used as UNIFIL's headquarters since the establishment of the international peacekeeping force after the 1978 Litani Operation.

More than 800 UN soldiers are stationed there, including the Polish contingent's logistics battalion, the Italian helicopter wing, and the French contingent. It also houses the force's hospital. More than 200 UN civilian personnel commute to the headquarters every day from Nahariya and around 300 Lebanese are employed at the base, which is also the administrative headquarters of UNIFIL.

of people," and protests would continue until the road is closed.

The weekend unrest followed a High Court ruling on Friday postponing implementation of the plan to close the road during prayer times on Shabbat, a plan proponents hoped would return calm to the Jerusalem thoroughfare. (Story, Page 12)

The unrest was most intense yesterday afternoon and evening, when over 10,000 haredim tried to block the road and hurled stones and debris at police and passing vehicles. Over a dozen haredim were detained.

A police spokesman said three policemen and a motorcyclist were injured. Two of the policemen injured were undercover detectives dressed as haredim who were discovered and badly beaten by

haredim, the spokesman said.

Amit charged that the secular protesters led by Yekutieli provoked the haredim with their motorcade demonstration on the road.

Police tried to prevent the Meretz protest by allowing only a few of the protesters' cars at a time on the street that passes through an all-haredi neighborhood.

"We are only trying to make sure no one gets killed," Amit said, in a heated verbal exchange with Yekutieli, after police tried to block the motorcade. The city councillor claimed the High Court had given Meretz permission for the protest.

"The tension is too great to allow for such a provocation," Amit said. "People could get killed," he told reporters, just

before the Meretz-organized protest began.

But the drivers skirted police roadblocks and formed a fifty-vehicle motorcade that for two hours drove up and down Rehov Bar-Ilan. Sharp insults were traded between the drivers and the haredim on the sidewalks.

"You antisemites, go back to Germany," one haredi man shouted at a passing Meretz protester. "Shabbat shalom, Shabbat shalom," several Meretz protesters shouted from the cars at the haredim on the sidewalk.

Police used water-cannons and horsemen to keep the haredim from blocking the road. A police helicopter hovered overhead for part of the protest. The unrest continued after the end of Shabbat, as in past weeks.

There was also unrest before the Meretz protest. At about midnight Friday, several hundred haredim tried to block Rehov Bar-Ilan. For over an hour, the haredim threw stones and clashed with police, and six were detained. Four police cars were also damaged by stones.

"There were quite a few cars on the road, mainly young people coming back from a night on the town," said a senior police officer at the scene Friday night. "It was a warm-up for what was to happen," he said.

Amit declined to say whether police would give Meretz or the haredim permits to protest next Shabbat. He added, however, that it really made little difference because both sides would come out with or without, police approval.

Arab Gulf War allies discuss terrorism, peace

MUSCAT (Reuters) - Foreign ministers of Egypt, Syria and the six Gulf Arab states opened talks in Oman yesterday by underlining the threat of terrorism.

Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef bin Alawi called on the countries to take steps to prevent attacks such as the June bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 Americans and focused attention on security in the oil-producing region.

"Such an act is a criminal act which our society is not used to," he said in a speech opening the two-day meeting. "We have to fight such acts and stand firm against terrorism which aims at destabilizing the security and stability of our states."

"The terrorism phenomenon is one of the most dangerous phenomena in our recent history and we have...no other choice but to cooper-

ate in wiping it out," Abdullah said.

The foreign ministers said terrorism would be high on the agenda during the talks between Damascus Declaration states that formed the Arab backbone of the US-led alliance that drove Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991.

The officials were also quoted by Gulf news agencies as saying they would review the results of last month's Arab summit in Cairo, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's comments in Washington and the Middle East peace process.

"The peace process in the Middle East is facing Israeli challenges that could cause a collapse of the process in general...especially after the radical stand of the new Israeli government," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said, upon arriving in Muscat.

Diplomats said the meeting would also dis-

cuss Syria's efforts to mend Iran's ties with Bahrain and Egypt.

Bahrain accuses Iran of being behind an alleged plot to topple its government. Iran denied the charge.

The Gulf Arab states - Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain - have demanded that Iran stop interfering in other countries' internal affairs.

The ministers were not expected to take steps to revive the alliance. Shortly after it was formed, the military aspect of the pact was said to be unnecessary and a face-saving formula that allowed bilateral military cooperation was adopted.

Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat will visit Egypt today for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, ahead of Netanyahu's trip to Cairo this week.

Qatar holds off plan to open trade office in Israel

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - Qatar will not open a trade office in Israel until a clearer Israeli position emerges on the Middle East peace process, Qatar's foreign minister said in remarks published Friday.

Sheik Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani called on Israel to reconsider its stance toward the peace process, *Al-Watan* newspaper reported.

"Qatar will study how to deal with the present situation in the region in coordination with the Arab brethren," Hamad said.

He said members of the Israeli trade office were in Doha to make arrangements for opening the office, adding that Qatar would evaluate Israel's political position before taking any steps to open a trade office in Israel.

Last year, Qatar and Oman broke away from their other Gulf Arab partners, agreeing to economic ties with Israel. They agreed to exchange trade missions, but stopped short of full diplomatic ties.

Netanyahu ends NY visit with prayers at local synagogue

MARILYN HENRY, LORA SCHOCHAT, and news agencies
NEW YORK

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, wrapping up his three-day visit to New York, which welcomed him like a favorite son, prayed yesterday at the synagogue he attended during his days as ambassador to the United Nations.

Speaking before a packed house at the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, Netanyahu stressed the bond between Jews in Israel and American Jews.

There is, Netanyahu said, "a spiritual bridge between us and you, you and us. There is no difference. I am first of all a Jew, then an Israeli."

Netanyahu, accompanied by his wife Sara and their two sons, walked seven blocks through a driving rainstorm to join the worshippers. The Netanyahu's were protected by about three dozen security guards. In addition to his address in the synagogue, the prime minister recited the blessing before and after the Torah reading.

At a rally Thursday night, sponsored by the Jewish Community

Relations Council, more than 3,000 New York-area Jews applauded Netanyahu's call for "a physical and spiritual airlift of young Jews to visit Israel" and seemed delighted with his suggestion that newly married couples be given a library of 10 Jewish books. Jewish leaders referred to the trip as Netanyahu's American honeymoon.

The crowd seemed exuberant with the chance to show grassroots support for Netanyahu. Netanyahu noted it, saying he was happy to be "with a few thousand of my closest friends." It was one of numerous one-liners that charmed observers throughout his stay.

The rally was part pageant, part revival meeting. A singer crooned "Heveinu Shalom Aleichem" while Netanyahu, his wife, Sara, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and a slew of New York officials were cheered as they went on stage.

basic Jewish books.

Before the rally, Netanyahu met with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, where he received a respectful welcome. He did not

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Argentinian policemen held in Jewish center blast

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - Eleven Buenos Aires police officers have been arrested and six more are being sought in the probe of the 1994 car bomb attack on the Jewish center that killed 86 people, the police chief said yesterday.

Chief Pedro Klodczyk told Radio Continental that a federal judge had ordered the police arrested for the alleged illegal sale of vehicles, including one believed to have been used in the attack on the AMIA center in July 1994.

The policemen were accused of "violation of the duties of a public official" and will probably be brought to testify tomorrow before federal Judge Juan Jose Galeano.

Galeano is investigating the bombing, which also injured 300 people, by tracking down the sellers of the vehicle that was later packed with explosives.

Argentina's authorities have been under pressure from the Jewish community and the US government to find the bombers.

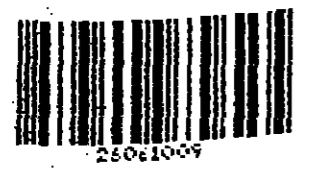
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Arafat defies call to close J'lem offices

CAIRO (AP) - PLO leader Yasser Arafat said Friday Israel's government has no right to close Palestinian offices in Jerusalem and warned such a move violates Israel's commitments since 1993.

"We have agreements that they should keep and protect Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem. They should respect them," he said in an interview broadcast by the Saudi-owned Mideast Broadcast Center and the Voice of America's Arabic service.

Arafat said he referred to a letter from former prime minister Shimon Peres, who promised to let the Palestinian offices in eastern Jerusalem function under Israeli rule.

There was no immediate comment from Israel on such a letter.

Israeli media reported Friday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would demand that Arafat's Palestinian Authority close four offices in Jerusalem as a condition for resuming peace talks.

Arafat warned that such an attempt, especially to shut down the Palestinian religious affairs office on the Temple Mount, would arouse bitter opposition throughout Arab and Islamic nations.

Netanyahu should realize that Arab countries will review ties with Israel in light of Israel's actions, Arafat said.

"I believe that Moslems, Arabs, and Christians will never remain silent in the face of such aggression," said Hassan Tahboub, who was appointed by Arafat two years ago to head the office.

Israel's demands reportedly are to be delivered to the Palestinians this week.

The government will tell the Palestinian Authority that it will only resume negotiations on a permanent peace settlement if four Jerusalem offices - Islamic affairs, education, statistics, and the PLO headquarters - are closed, according to media reports Friday.

The Israeli-Palestinian auto-

my agreements forbid any activity of the Palestinian Authority in Jerusalem.

In a direct challenge to Netanyahu's assertion that the city is only Israel's capital, Arafat said Jerusalem is "Palestine's eternal capital and those who don't like that should drink from the Sea of Gaza or from the Dead Sea."

He said he already agreed with King Hassan of Morocco, head of the Organization of the Islamic Conference's Jerusalem Committee, on measures to confront Israeli threats. He did not elaborate.

Arafat said if Netanyahu follows through on threats to close the Palestinian offices, he will ask the United States, Russia, the UN Security Council, and the European Union to intervene.

"What we have signed are not only Palestinian-Israeli agreements, they are international agreements and we should now know if the world wants peace or not," Arafat said.

Gazan human rights monitor 'gains insight in PA jail'

JON IMMANUEL

AFTER two weeks in a Gaza jail, Dr. Eyad Sarraj, Gaza's chief human rights monitor and its leading psychiatrist, feels he has sharpened his insight into the situation there. Last week, straight out of jail, Sarraj, 52, was elected to a second term as director of the Palestinian Independent Commission of Citizens' Rights (PICCR).

He had been interrogated for an hour, kicked onto the floor while sleeping, taken to a black two-meter-square cell for seven days, and allowed to mix with other inmates, mostly inmates, only in his last 10 days in prison.

He was falsely charged with possessing drugs, then with assaulting a policeman, but the real cause of his arrest was a letter he wrote to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, saying Arafat had knowingly not told the truth about him on CNN.

He was arrested as arbitrarily as he was released. Sarraj said he now sees some light at the end of the human rights tunnel. His arrest was covered critically in part of the Palestinian press, and the Palestinian Council has emerged more independent than he expected. But for the first two days after his release on June 26, he says, "I couldn't talk to people, I became very irritable. Anything could provoke anger. My gardener did

something I did not like and I was almost about to hit him, an old man." He still harbors violent feelings, "a post-traumatic stress disorder" and "almost every night I have a nightmare that I am locked up in a small cell with a black door, banging on it."

He has prescribed himself a vacation in Sweden, he says with a characteristic touch of humor.

"I was tortured for two or three minutes. Other people have been tortured for weeks. But it gives me quite an insight into what others have been through," he says.

What insight there is stops short at the personality of Arafat, who, Sarraj says, may not have known everything that happened to him. He credits Arafat with popularity despite human rights abuses, not because Palestinians do not care, but because they distinguish between "the rais" (leader) and his corrupt administration. As director of PICCR, an organization appointed by Arafat's own decree to monitor human rights abuses, Sarraj has been the victim of some of the worst abuse from Arafat himself. His criticism is no different from that of other respected Palestinian intellectuals, except that most of them, like Columbia University Prof. Edward Said,

live abroad. Sarraj calls the Oslo Accords "psychological surrender."

This may sound like a secular way of saying what Islamic fundamentalists describe in religious terms, but Sarraj is issuing a warning, not a threat. He thinks that if more Western democracy were applied to the Gazan malady, people would feel better about Oslo and the lure of Hamas would diminish. Instead, he believes they are being treated without dignity either by Israel or their own government.

"The problem is the whole West and Israel are more concerned about security and forget the question of human rights. I think the Palestinian Authority finds itself in a position where it has to prove to the Israelis they are protecting Israeli security from terrorist acts but I cannot see the contradiction," Sarraj says.

Following the release of Sarraj, Arafat gave orders to review the files of an estimated 600 jailed Islamic activists and to release those who are no longer considered a danger to security. Some have been released. Sarraj believes there is a connection. "The feeling I have is that there is a new mood in the authority and that we should work in a different kind of environment," he says.

(Continued from Page 1) give a speech, but answered questions from the audience of 400. That prompted some to refer to the event as "Ask the Prime Minister," as others griped that Netanyahu did not present a clear message for the American Jewish leadership.

"He was at his best at parrying questions," said Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League. "He is still in an election mode. He was not in the governing mode."

When asked how he would handle the "national aspirations of the Palestinians," Netanyahu said he was seeking "a solution that would enable them to run their affairs, that would enable us to prosper." He drew applause from

the audience when he added, "My mandate is to handle the national aspirations of the Jews and not of the Palestinians."

Gary Rubin, the director of Americans for Peace Now, said later: "Mr. Netanyahu just won. His policy is all ahead of him. Once Netanyahu's policies are implemented, Rubin said, "he'll be challenged the way previous prime ministers were challenged."

Questions on the religious status quo, the most ticklish issue for American Jews, followed Netanyahu throughout his New York visit.

"From the Conservative point of view, there was concern on the status

quo to the Presidents' Conference, said Roy Clements, the head of Mercaz, the Conservative movement's Zionist arm in the US.

When pressed to define the status quo during a news conference for the American Jewish media Friday, Netanyahu said: "We will not introduce a change [in the status quo]. We will not let it regress... The idea is to preserve the present status quo."

The only public opposition to Netanyahu occurred outside the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday night, where several dozen haredim demonstrated and distributed leaflets.

Demonstrators hurl stones at Palestinian Police

DOZENS of demonstrators demanding the release of Islamic militants threw stones at Palestinian policemen outside a Bethlehem lockup yesterday and blocked the highway to Hebron for more than an hour.

Police broke up the protest, punching and shoving demonstrators, many of them women. One man was thrown to the floor and beaten by several officers.

The protesters want Yasser Arafat's security forces to release family members suspected of membership in Islamic militant groups.

Some 900 supporters of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad were rounded up by Palestinian police this spring in response to the four suicide bombings in Israel between February 25 and March 4.

At the start of yesterday's protest, demonstrators set up stone roadblocks outside the Palestinian Police headquarters in Bethlehem. The protesters barred police vehicles from entering and leaving the compound and also shut down the adjacent Bethlehem-Hebron road for more than an hour.

Raising their fists and pictures of detained relatives, they chanted. "The answer is going to be in Tel Aviv."



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, accompanied by security guards, walks from his New York hotel to a local synagogue for Shabbat morning prayers yesterday.

New York's press: Bibi takes Manhattan

DAVID MAKOVSKY NEW YORK

NEW York's tabloids gushed at the reception accorded Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the Big Apple.

The newspapers glanced at Netanyahu's substantive differences with the Clinton administration over the peace process and instead focused on him as an American-style politician-cum-celebrity. The overall tone, as stated by Illinois Republican Congressman Donald Manzullo, was that Netanyahu is "one of us."

This tone was not only captured in the tabloids, but also in a Friday Wall Street Journal column by conservative Paul Gigot. Gigot complained Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole does not have Netanyahu's rhetorical gifts, as displayed in the prime minister's speech to Congress, which had particular appeal to free-market Republicans. The headline read: "GOP Lament: Why Isn't Bob More Like Bibi?"

Gigot said some Republican congressmen wanted to make Netanyahu an honorary member, and quoted Congressman Chris Shays of Connecticut as saying after the congressional speech, "I was thinking to myself, 'Why can't we run him?' A guest on one radio station insisted Netanyahu's speech even surpassed the president, who is known as a gifted

speaker, Netanyahu, said the guest, "out-Clintoned Clinton."

The favorable coverage stood in contrast to the news and editorial coverage following the Netanyahu-Clinton meeting, which pointed to a gulf between the two on the peace process and the dismay of Palestinians that Netanyahu brought no concrete ideas to advance the talks.

On Friday, both the Daily News and New York Post put Netanyahu on their cover and each called him Bibi. The New York Times also featured a front page photo of him standing at a podium overlooking the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Post's headline, underneath a picture of Netanyahu shaking hands with New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, blared "Bibi loves NY."

The Daily News screamed, "I will not be bullied" in reference to Netanyahu's refusal to be swayed by any pressure by the US and the Arabs. Each focused on the prime minister's busy schedule in New York, which one described as being "all around the town." One New York radio station followed his appearances in the city by calling it the "Bibi-watch."

Post columnist Andrea Peyser began her column by writing: "Finally, an Israeli prime minister who looks like a WASP, carries himself like a film star, and has pure chopped liver coursing through his veins."

Peyser claimed he bowled people over with his oratory. "Netanyahu is Israel's most magnificent domestic product since the Uzi rifle. You may not agree with everything he stands for. But it's hard to argue in the face of such formidable force," she declared.

While determining that "Bibi takes Manhattan," she admitted this is easy compared to the work on the peace process ahead of him.

The papers were also complimentary of his Thursday appearance on Wall Street. The headline of the Daily News was "Bibi's Capital Idea: Bye-Bye to Socialism," while the papers all noted favorably that many top industrialists were in attendance and reacted enthusiastically to Netanyahu's call to privatize the Israeli economy.

Netanyahu was not the only one to receive tabloid attention.

There were pictures of his wife Sara taking children Yair and Avner to the Winnie the Pooh play area at New York's Children's Museum on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Terrorists attempt Ashkelon jail-break

THREE terrorists serving lengthy terms for murdering Israelis tried to escape from Ashkelon Prison Friday disguised as women wearing veils and long floral robes.

The three carved a hole in the tiled floor of their cell and managed to slide down into a toilet stall on the floor below.

The prisoners were identified as Nadel Zalum, 32, of Islamic Jihad, who murdered two Jerusalem lawyers and received two life sentences and 30 years; Fatah activist Hafez Nimer, 28, who is serving 27 years for throw-

ing a grenade and possessing weapons; and Mohammed Mahmud, 29, also of the Fatah, who is serving 30 years and two life sentences for murdering his employer.

They were caught as they tried to leave prison with a group of visitors allowed to meet with family members early on Friday morning.

Prison guards said they became suspicious because of the swarthy faces behind the veils and the way

they kept their heads down.

"They looked and walked like men," said warden Yisrael Sankar.

Labor denies Gold's claims

LABOR Party spokesmen reacted with anger over the weekend to remarks by the prime minister's political adviser, Dore Gold, who claimed the previous government had made secret agreements to the Palestinians, saying they were without basis.

Gold, who made these remarks in an interview with Israel Radio on Friday, said the government of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres had made commitments that included concessions on security issues that together "would have posed danger."

Labor Party spokesman Yoram Dori said Gold's "baseless" remarks were an attempt to divert the public's attention to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's "diplomatic failure" during his US visit.

Dori said Gold's allegations were "a continuation of the baseless canard that Peres intended to divide Jerusalem."

Labor Knesset faction head Ra'anan Cohen submitted an urgent motion to the Knesset agenda in which he criticized the Netanyahu government and Gold, "who are dragging Israel into a sharp confrontation with the Palestinians with baseless charges against Labor."

MK Yossi Beilin demanded that Gold specify which "diplomatic concessions" he was referring to, "and if he does not, the explanation is that the Likud is continuing its campaign of lies."

MK Haim Ramon, speaking to the Trade and Industry Club in Tel Aviv on Friday, said Gold must offer some proof of his claims. From what he knew of the negotiations with the Palestinians conducted by the Labor government, Gold's claims had no basis.

Right-wing politicians, however, defended Gold's remarks. Moledet MK Benny Elon demanded that a commission of inquiry be established to unearth the "secret Oslo agreements," and that no further steps be made to implement them until the matter is investigated.

MK Hanan Porat (NRP) said Gold's remarks should be taken seriously "since it has been proven that Labor does not always tell the truth, as with the secret letter that Peres sent to Arafat with regard to PLO institutions in Jerusalem." (Itim)

Two killed on roads

TWO people were killed and 12 injured in road accidents over the weekend. A 17-year-old motorcyclist, Rami Arviv, 17, from Rishon LeZion, was killed Friday when he was hit by a truck on the Rishon LeZion bridge. Han Eschoul, 49, of Ness Ziona, was killed and 10 people were injured when his vehicle veered out of its lane in the city and crashed head-on into a bus. A car traveling behind him hit both vehicles and its driver suffered serious injuries. The bus driver and eight passengers, including six children, suffered light injuries.

In Lod, a woman suffered serious injuries in Lod when the car in which she was traveling veered into oncoming traffic and hit another car. (Itim)

ברוך דין זמנא
With deep sorrow we announce the passing, in the fullness of her years, of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

ERNA (אסתר מרים) KLEIN נ"ה
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The funeral took place on Erev Shabbat
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Moslem rebels end Philippines uprising

MANILA (Reuters) - Rebel chief Nur Misuari, signalling an end to a 24-year Moslem rebellion in the southern Philippines, yesterday called for a meeting with President Fidel Ramos to hasten peace.

Presidential executive secretary Ruben Torres said Ramos had agreed to meet Misuari and that the meeting would likely be held at the Malacanang presidential palace in Manila.

Misuari, chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), also vowed during a radio phone-in to work with rival Christians if elected governor of the southern Mindanao region.

The former university professor who commands an army of at least 20,000 guerrillas was speaking from the rebel stronghold of Jolo island in the southern Philippines, fielding questions from Christian callers on Manila radio station DZMM.

"There is no such thing as a perpetual war in history," he said. "We have to adjust our lives to that of a man of peace."

Misuari filed his candidacy papers for governor of a semi-autonomous region covering four southern provinces.

"Peace is now at hand," he told reporters in Jolo, 900 km south of Manila.

Misuari, who will run as the official candidate of President Ramos' Lakas party, said he wanted to work out with Ramos a development programme for the southern islands.

On the radio link, Misuari pledged to appoint Christians among his advisers.

"Of course...there will be no discrimination," he said, adding he had already forged peace with several right-wing Christian armed groups.

"We will all be together here. There will be no divide and rule."

The country's five million Moslem minority regard Mindanao as their ancestral homeland although Christians now dominate the region after decades of migration.

Misuari's Christian callers included housewives, students, a taxi driver, a dressmaker and a government employee. They congratulated him for his decision to enter politics.

Misuari said he believed his followers would abide by a peace agreement Manila and the MNLF are now finalising.

But Misuari was less sure about the extremist Abu Sayyaf group which demands an Islamic state and which the military has blamed for a spate of attacks in the southern islands.



TV news crews prepare to film bags with remains of Moslems buried in mass graves in Srebrenica yesterday. UN investigators said that remains of civilians in a nearby mass grave bore evidence they had been massacred and not killed in the fighting.

US diplomat shot near Sarajevo

A US diplomat was wounded by gunfire from a passing car west of Sarajevo, a NATO spokesman said yesterday.

"We don't know the motivation. There are no indications that the attack was politically motivated," said US Army Maj. Thomas Moyer.

He said the diplomat was shot overnight while returning with her husband to the Bosnian capital from the Croat-controlled town of Kiseljak, about 25 km away.

"Shots came from a passing vehicle," Moyer said.

NATO officials first put the site of the shooting about five km west of Sarajevo, but police who conducted an investigation later said it happened farther away from the capital - about five km east of Kiseljak.

Another NATO spokesman, Maj. Max Marriner, said the diplomat's husband flagged down a NATO patrol which escorted her to a mobile surgical team in the Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza. From there, she was taken to an Italian hospital in Sarajevo.

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where she underwent six hours of surgery. Marriner said the woman's condition was not life threatening but did not reveal the exact nature of her injury.

Embassy spokesman Jim Hutchison said the woman is a foreign service officer temporarily assigned to the US Embassy in Sarajevo as an administrator. He said he could not yet reveal her name.

The shooting took place in territory controlled by the Moslem-Croat federation, but Moyer was not able to specify whether it was in the part held by Moslems or Croats.

"It was a passing car, so it could have been anybody," Moyer said.

Maj. Ken Barnes, the UN police commander in Kiseljak, said an investigation had been completed, but refused to give details.

It was the first instance of a US diplomat

being injured by gunfire in Bosnia.

In Tuzla, the former commander of Moslem Srebrenica's military garrison has publicly vowed to regain the "safe area" which fell to separatist Serbs a year ago, despite world promises of protection.

"We will go back," even if blood had to be shed again," Naser Oric told an emotional rally of 40,000 to 50,000 Bosnian Moslem refugees from the town in eastern Bosnia.

The rally was staged as war crimes investigators unearthed a mass grave near Srebrenica believed to contain missing Moslems.

"We want Srebrenica where our sons are," and "We want to go back", people cried, as several women fainted, weeping. Men threw stones and apples and shouted abuse at several speakers.

Separatist Serb forces overran the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica on July 11, 1995, expelled some 30,000 Moslem women, children and elderly and, UN war-crimes investigators say, massacred between 3,000 and 8,900 unarmed men in flight.

France gets its turn to woo Nelson Mandela

PARIS (Reuters) - President Nelson Mandela yesterday began a four-day state visit to France, which is keen to develop political cooperation, trade and investment with South Africa.

Fresh from a hero's welcome in

Britain, Mandela was greeted with military honors at Paris' Orly Airport by Finance Minister Jean Arthuis, underlining the economic priority of the visit.

He flew by helicopter to the country chateau of Rambouillet, a former royal hunting lodge southwest of Paris, where he was to have private talks with President Jacques Chirac last after a day's rest in his leafy deer park.

The South African leader will have three working sessions and two lunches with Chirac and be guest of honor at the annual Bastille Day military parade in Paris today and at a presidential garden party marking the national holiday.

He will also meet French busi-

ness leaders and receive an honorary law doctorate from the Sorbonne University.

French officials said Paris considered the visit, Mandela's fourth since 1990 but his first state visit, as a chance to pay tribute to a man who defeated apartheid and has led his nation on a peaceful transition to multiracial democracy.

The newspaper Liberation said in an editorial that Chirac would be well advised to learn from Mandela's example to work for greater democracy and clean government in France's former colonies in west Africa.

French industrialists are keen to use the opportunity to seek a bigger share in South Africa's business, notably through the privati-

sation of public utilities.

France is the number four investor in South Africa and Pretoria's sixth-largest trading partner - with only 3.9 percent of market share - behind Germany, the United States, Britain, Japan and Italy. Paris aims to boost trade by 50 percent in the next three years.

In return, Pretoria will press for France's support for a free-trade agreement with the European Union, which Paris has been blocking partly to protect its agriculture but also in a wider dispute with Brussels over other free trade negotiations.

Mandela's spokesman Parks Mankahlana said the president would outline his country's economic policies.

Dole sinks Republicans in gloom

ALAN ELSNER
WASHINGTON

BOB Dole's fumbling performance on the campaign trail has fellow Republicans increasingly fearful that he will not only lose to President Bill Clinton but drag others down with him.

Dole, who next month will accept the Republican nomination to challenge Clinton on November 5, has had a miserable two weeks, dogged by problems largely of his own making.

"There's gloom and doom in Republican circles," said Bill Kristol, editor of the conservative weekly *The Standard* and a staunch Republican.

"The notion of having two or three simple campaign messages and sticking to them - I'm not sure he's capable of that," Kristol said.

Trailing Clinton by 15 percentage points or more in most recent polls, Dole, in rapid succession: became ensnared in a futile debate on whether tobacco is addictive; came off as testy and snappish in an exchange with a popular television personality; alleged that a Republican former surgeon general had been brainwashed by the media; sent mixed signals on his gun control views, and snubbed a respected black organization by declining to address its annual conference.

"It's clear we haven't had our best two weeks," said Tom Rath, a Republican former attorney general of New Hampshire who ran Dole's 1988 presidential campaign in that state.

"Our core message is good but we get sidetracked. We're talking about things that are off-message and there is concern as to when the poll numbers are going to move," Rath said.

Other Republicans were more scathing, but did not want to be quoted by name blasting their nominee. "I don't see what the message is. I don't think he's found one," said one associated with Dole's campaign.

Conservative *Wall Street Journal* columnist Paul Gigot said Dole had been wandering around "like some political vagabond" while

fellow columnist Arianna Huffington said in the *Washington Times* that Dole's struggles with the tobacco issue suggested he had a "political death wish."

Dole spokesmen did not respond to a request for comment. The candidate's missteps have some Republicans in Congress so rattled they are beginning to think about saving their own skins rather than following their nominee.

Republicans in the House of Representatives dropped a controversial plan to link welfare reform to a health insurance proposal Clinton opposes, increasing chances he could sign a welfare bill before the election. If he does, that would remove one of Dole's best issues from the campaign.

Dole's troubles could not have come at a better time for Clinton, himself under pressure because of a scandal involving the improper gathering of FBI files on some prominent Republicans by White House staff.

Instead of homing in on the files scandal, Dole spent days discussing whether tobacco was more harmful than milk.

When he visited New Hampshire last week, he did not seem comfortable, rushing through a visit to a local company and cancelling a number of scheduled local interviews.

This week, a visit to Virginia went similarly sour. Instead of concentrating on a computerized system to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, Dole managed to muddy the waters by backing away from his previous opposition to a federal assault weapons ban.

"After Dole's speech, the Republicans in the audience were all smiles," said Scott Leake, a Republican operative in Virginia. "Then we turned on the evening news and there was total deflation."

Leake said Dole still seemed uncomfortable with his role of national campaigner and was still wedded to the ways of Congress, where he spent 35 years.

Royalty attends funeral for Duke Albrecht of Bavaria

MUNICH (AP) - Spain's King Juan Carlos and other European royalty were among the hundreds of mourners at the baroque Theatine Church in Munich yesterday for the funeral of Duke Albrecht of Bavaria.

A survivor of Nazi concentration camps, the head of the house of Wittelsbach died at age 91 at the family's castle on Starnberg Lake, near Munich.

Cardinal Friedrich Wetter, the archbishop of Munich, led the Requiem, praising the duke's "uncompromising" opposition to the Nazi regime. Hundreds watched the Mass on a giant TV screen outside the packed church.

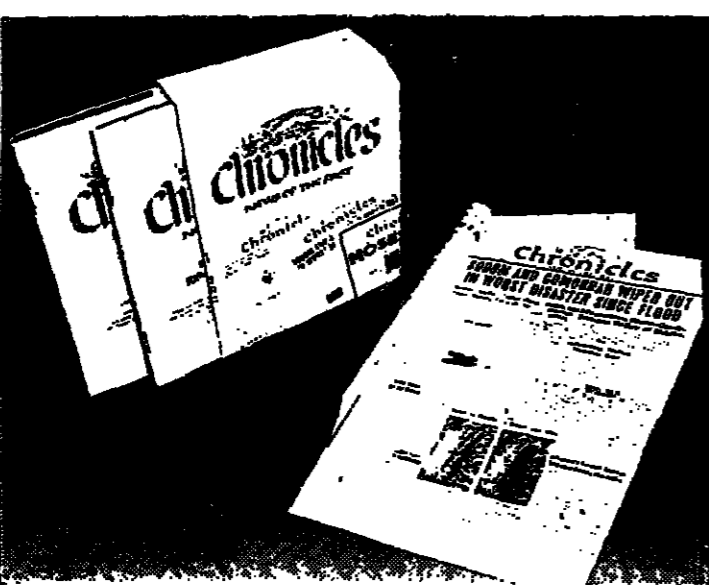
Albrecht was heir to the throne of the Bavarian kings when Germany's collapse at the end of World War I ended his family's 738-year reign.

Protesting Hitler's rule, Albrecht fled to Hungary in 1937. He returned at the outbreak of World War II to volunteer for the German army, the Wehrmacht, but the Nazis refused to let him serve.

The Gestapo arrested Albrecht, his wife and their four children in 1944 and imprisoned them at several Nazi concentration camps until their liberation by Allied troops the next year.

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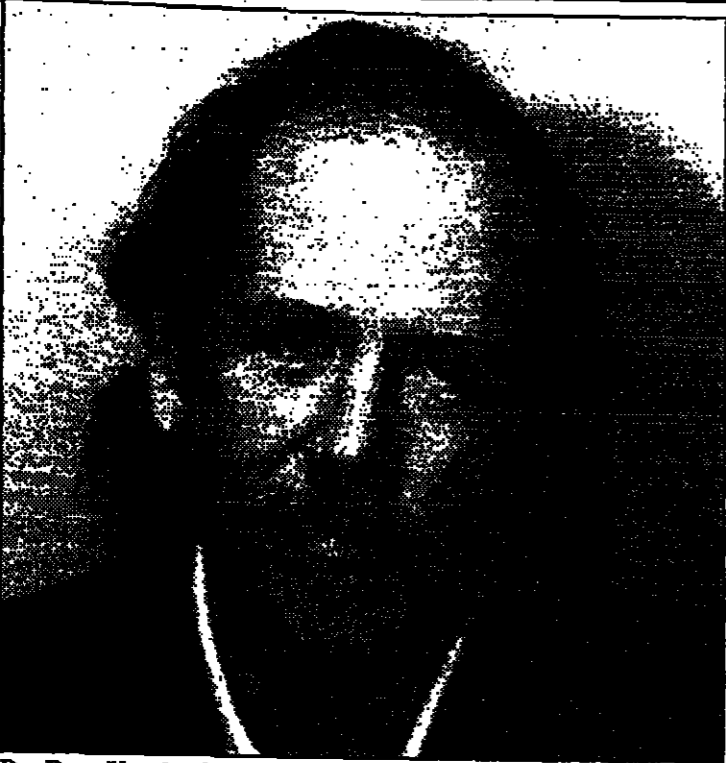
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Dr. Bert Vogelstein of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore recently received recognition from Bar-Ilan University for his contributions to cancer research.

Colon cancer and the gene connection

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

DISCOVERING how cancers develop and can be defeated is very much like piecing together parts of a jigsaw puzzle. Oncology researchers have supplied many more pieces in the past decade – and a major segment has been provided by Dr. Bert Vogelstein of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The physician and molecular biologist last month received the Dr. Yoni Conner-Walensky Science Award for 1996 from Bar-Ilan University's Cancer, AIDS and Immunology Research (CAIR) Institute. The prominent researcher made his first visit to the university's Ramat Gan campus – and his second visit to Israel – to receive the plaque and the \$10,000 check that went along with it from Bar-Ilan rector Prof. Yehuda Friedlander. But he surprised and pleased his hosts by promptly giving the money back and suggesting that they use it to further their cancer research.

The CAIR Institute, headed by immunology professor Benjamin Sredni, aims at advancing immunological research and promoting academic and medical collaboration and cooperation.

A native of Baltimore, Vogelstein received his BA from the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated *summa cum laude* with distinction in mathematics. He took his medical degree at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1974, where he also finished his internship and residency in pediatrics.

But despite all this work, Vogelstein chose research over treatment of patients. Specializing in the field of oncology, he served as a research associate at the US National Cancer Institute before returning to Johns Hopkins in 1978. Looking a bit hippyish with his long hair and beard, he is today a researcher at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and director of the molecular genetics laboratory at the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center. He and his wife (a lecturer in communications at the University of Baltimore and also a Hebrew school teacher) have three children, aged 18, 16 and nine.

The Bar-Ilan award is certainly not his first. He has been elected to the US National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The American Cancer Society presented him with its medal of honor, and he is also the recipient of the Dickson Prize and the American Medical College's Baxter Award.

What he do to deserve all these trophies?

Using the sensitive tools of molecular biology, he has played a pivotal role in the genetic basis of cancer. He discovered the mutations responsible for tumors of the colon and rectum, which affect 6 percent of the entire US population by the age of 70 or 80 and is the second most common cancer (after lung cancer). There are 160,000 new cases and 70,000 deaths per year in the US; the rate of colon cancer is proportionately the same in Israel.

His key papers on colon cancer are regarded by other researchers as classic studies and are now the most-quoted works published in the scientific literature. His pioneering work has led to the development of novel strategies for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of colon cancer.

Vogelstein explains that the development of colon cancer is not a simple process. "Several genes are involved, the first of them discovered in 1987. Bits of chromosomes were cloned, as the exact location of the gene was not known. "We suggested that genes

could be mutated in people with colon cancer. The next task was to identify them and show that they had mutated. All cancers derive from defective genes," he continues. "They can be inherited genes – or they can mutate after birth. But since you need four or five mutations for colon cancer to appear, the disease usually appears closer to the end of one's lifetime – at the age of 60 or 70. If, however, the individual inherits the defective genes from his or her parents, the disease can show up much earlier: in one's 20s or 30s. "But it can appear even in children as young as eight years old," Vogelstein says.

Fortunately, inherited genes account for only about 5 percent of colon cancer cases – just as the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic mutations are responsible for about 5 percent of breast cancer cases. "There is a Jewish component to both of these: Ashkenazi Jews have a higher risk of passing on these mutated genes, due to their inbreeding over the centuries."

Because of Vogelstein's work, a test looking for five different genes is available to detect a high risk of inherited colon cancer. "This is available in the US and in Israel, but it is meant only for testing families with a history of the disease, not for general screening."

Many people have been reluctant to undergo genetic tests for serious disorders, such as Huntington's disease, which shows up in middle age and for which there is no cure. There is some reluctance even to undergo a test for colon cancer – even though this disease can easily be picked up in its early, pre-cancerous stages. Polyps due to turn into cancer, and even small tumors, can be nipped off during colonoscopy, and, if discovered later, larger tumors can be removed in surgery.

Vogelstein recommends that everyone over 50 who has no family history of colon cancer go for periodic colonoscopies. If two people in his family contracted it – including one who got it before 50 – his immediate family should be tested as well. The genetic test costs less than \$1,000 in the US, while a colonoscopy costs as much as \$1,500 and has to be done yearly in high-risk individuals, so screening such families with the test is cost effective.

Since the vast majority of colon cancers are due to mutations in the individual himself rather than a "bad inheritance" from his parents, people can follow a healthful lifestyle to reduce the risk. Eating less fatty food and red meat is a good idea, as is consuming a large amount of fiber. Vogelstein says he himself is a vegetarian, "but this is not connected to my colon-cancer research."

Vogelstein says that in the future he hopes drugs will be available to prevent the development of precancerous polyps in the colon. One potentially useful drug discovered accidentally by researchers in New Mexico and undergoing preliminary tests at Johns Hopkins is called Sulindac, but this medication requires a patient to undergo genetic tests.

Mass screening for occult blood in the stools is a useful tool that saves considerable lives, even though it comes up with numerous false positives and some false negative results as well. "I hope that in the years to come, there will be blood tests to identify easy cases of colon cancer – or even tests for mutant genes in the stools," Vogelstein will undoubtedly be a major player in the efforts to track down such a beneficial solution.

Healing in ancient times

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

MEDICINE certainly has come a long way since the fifth century BCE, when the Phoenicians in this region revered dogs and had them lick human wounds because canine saliva apparently healed cuts in the animals' skin.

Well, maybe it hasn't come so far after all. The ancient Jewish makers and users of amulets for preserving good health and curing illnesses would probably feel at home with those distributed by Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri, which helped elect a prime minister and made Shas the third largest party in the Knesset.

Two dog skeletons from a dog cemetery near Ashkelon and silver amulets from a burial cave in Jerusalem are only two of the items at a unique exhibition of *Illness and Healing in Ancient Times*, which will be open daily (consult the museum about hours) over the next six months. The special exhibition, free to all comers, is displayed at the University of Haifa's Reuben and Edith Hecht Museum. The exhibits were painstakingly collected over the past year by Ofra Rimón, director of the archaeological museum in Haifa since 1989. She notes that Edith and the late Reuben Hecht (who made his fortune as the founder and owner of the Dagon Silos in Haifa) insisted that the museum, established in 1984, not charge an admission fee.

This is the first museum exhibition on this subject in Israel, says Rimón, whose husband, internist Dr. David Rimón, and medical-student daughter Ayelet served as her informal advisers and helped her understand the descriptions in the classical medical texts. Rimón, who is curator of the exhibition, learned of suitable items by word of mouth and quickly became a walking encyclopedia on the subject. Pieces were loaned to the Hecht Museum by the Israel Antiquities Authority, as well as a number of private collectors, and the exhibition was designed, with great imagination, by the Tav Design Group.

The items were arranged according to four topics: illnesses and ways of healing; medicine, cult and magic; hygiene and medicine; and the making of medicines. They cover some 120 square meters and represent the era from the Chalcolithic period (fourth millennium BCE) to the close of the Byzantine period (mid-seventh century CE). Thus, the works of one of the best-known medieval Jewish physicians, Maimonides, were written too late to be included in the exhibition. A 140-page, NIS 35 Hebrew and English-language catalog, with detailed explanations by medical and archeological experts, has in a few weeks sold most of its 500-copy first edition and will soon go into a second printing.

Although many Jewish mothers want at least one child to be a doctor, the physician was looked upon in ancient Israel with suspicion, sarcasm and even worse. This derives from the verses in the Bible declaring that God is the only healer, and that healing are signs of His favor and illness of punishment: Rimón notes that Shmuel Harofeh



A display at the Hecht Museum exhibit shows votives of parts of the body that were dedicated at shrines of healing gods, in the hope of a cure or as an offering for a cure.

noted in the Gemara that "the best of physicians [are doomed] to hell. He was a known physician, but although he was also a great scholar, he was never granted the title 'rabbi,' apparently because his vocation was looked down upon."

Experts say that ancient Egyptian doctors were excellent diagnosticians but had mediocre knowledge of anatomy. Medical care in Pharaonic Egypt consisted mostly of massage, washing, bandaging and drug therapy, pharmacy and some surgery – stitching wounds, excision of tumors and lancing of abscesses. In Egypt, as in neighboring countries, medicine and magic were intertwined. Doctors consulted with oracles for advice, and some patients were treated by priest-physicians (some of them charlatans).

In the Greek and Roman world, patients often dedicated a body organ to deities reputed to have healing power, thus votive organs in the shape of a face, mouth, tooth, ear, heart or foot were formed from stone, terracotta or precious metals. Also on display are models or X-rays of skulls deformed by Hansen's disease (much different from the biblical leprosy, which was a variety of skin disorder), a view of bone fractures and amputated limbs and the thinning of an elderly man's skull.

Sly snakes, says Rimón, were regarded as sacred among many peoples in the region and kept as guardians of the household and property. A snake on a staff remains today the symbol of medicine, and the Rx of prescriptions is a stylization of an Egyptian

amulet symbol that looked like an R.

Kelsus Cornelius, a Roman physician who lived in Alexandria in the first century CE, had a great deal of medical knowledge and wrote the book to diagnose the symptoms of inflammation. He also described cataract operations to remove the cloudy lens from the eye. Kelsus described two ways to "undo" circumcisions either in men born without a foreskin, or assimilated Jews who had had a *brit mila* and were ashamed of it.

Much is known about medical implements used by doctors due to the Roman habit of burying deceased physicians with their treatment tools. Many examples, including sharp objects used for trepanation (boring holes in the skull to release pressure due to sinus infections or meningitis), spatulas, scalpels, bleeding cups, shears, forceps and an ear probe (to remove wax and bugs from the ear) are on display at the museum. There is also a bronze wire inserted into a jaw that is unmistakably an ancient dentist's effort at root-canal work. Other fascinating items on show are ceramic juglets dating to the Late Bronze period; a former Australian ambassador to Israel, Robert Merillees, speculated that these pieces look like bulbs of the opium poppy, which were used as anesthesia or merely for "getting high." Archeologists also found proof that the head louse has been with man from his beginnings: combs found in the Judean Desert 2,000 years ago were uncovered complete with head lice and eggs with house embryos inside.

As for those amulets, the exhibition notes that rabbis in ancient times feared that these would lead to belief in magic and paganism, but they had difficulty barring their use altogether due to public demand and the influence of non-Jewish society. The Talmud notes that an amulet should not be used by a Jew unless it had been "tested" and previously cured three people.

Experts in the relatively new field of archaeoparasitology have extracted and identified parasite eggs from feces discovered during archeological digs. Some of these were found in ancient latrine pits in Jerusalem. The discovery of so many parasite eggs attests to the consumption of undercooked or perhaps raw meat. Among the hygienic luxuries were a stone toilet seat and bathtub from the City of David, used 2,700 years ago.

Rimón notes that the many physicians who come to see the special exhibition could learn a thing or two from their ancient predecessors. "Kelsus wrote about the importance of not taking a patient's pulse immediately. He advised letting the patient rest and only then to take the pulse." Modern doctors have noticed that just taking a patient's blood-pressure reading is often enough to raise it unnaturally. Calming the patient and taking several readings, they know now, will produce a more reliable figure. Another bit of Kelsus's advice to doctors should be heeded today: he urged physicians not to be greedy but instead always to have their patients' interests at heart.

Cracking nails: If you're lucky, it's just fungus

I am a 59-year-old woman. Some years ago, my right thumbnail cracked and split, and it has continued to do so ever since. It sometimes grows back and invariably splits again. As though in sympathy, the left thumbnail began acting up in the same manner. Now, it seems, all my nails are affected, with pieces breaking off. My diet includes plenty of fresh salads and fruit, so I don't suffer from a vitamin deficiency. There is no other sign of anything wrong with my nails. What should I do? M.H.S., Jerusalem.

Prof. Sarah Brenner, chief of dermatology at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital and editor of a booklet on early diagnosis of diseases from examining the nails, comments:

Nails that crack and disintegrate can be a sign of fungus, if they are discolored. But if they are not discolored, as in your case, there is a

possibility of various medical problems that have to be investigated by blood tests. Function of the kidneys, thyroid gland or parathyroid gland may be involved. Go to your family doctor for tests.

I love eating the pith of an orange, but remember once hearing that it may be carcinogenic. Is this true? R.B.D., Jerusalem.

Prof. Shmuel Yannai, a toxicologist at the Technion in Haifa, comments:

The white layer inside an orange peel is not poisonous or carcinogenic. It is pectin, which is used by the food industry for making jams and for other processing tasks. But other natural substances in fruits can be harmful. For example, the soft seeds inside apricots, apples, plums, peaches, bitter almonds and cherries contains hydrocyanic

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acid: cyanide is a salt of this acid. Eating one or two would not be harmful to a child, but eating 10 of these from an apricot could pose some danger. This has an ecological aspect: as these pits are bitter, animals are unlikely to eat them and the species has more of a chance of multiplying.

I have a grandchild who is always eating while watching TV or at least listening to music. The music (not to my taste) is often in the background, as the mother likes the background noise. I am worried about the inevitable: that they will do homework while listening to the radio or watching TV. I admit that I'm prejudiced against this, as I think it spoils concentration. Am I wrong?

P.H., Jerusalem.
Prof. Avishai Henik, an expert in cognitive psychology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, replies:

I am not aware of any studies specifically on this, but it's hard for me to believe that watching TV while doing homework would not be detrimental to one's studies. It certainly won't help. Some people, however, find that soft background music is conducive to concentration, although this should be less relevant with loud music. It depends on the person.

A dietician told me that women who take contraceptive pills should get special dietary supplements. She did not give details. Is this true, and if so, what type of supplements are appropriate? C.R., Katzin.

Yehudit Norman, a dietician at Hadassah-University Hospital in

Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, answers:

The Pill can affect the cholesterol level and the clotting ability of the blood. If a woman with such problems asks for contraceptive pills, the physician should take this into account, and maybe advise a change in diet. But taking contraceptives in itself does not require taking vitamins or mineral supplements as well.

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New for diabetics: Insulin taken right before a meal

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A new type of insulin that Type 1 diabetics can take moments before a meal instead of long before they start eating will be available in Israel at the beginning of next year. Called Humalog and developed by the US company Eli Lilly, the new type of insulin recently received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration.

Humalog is said to mimic the natural process of insulin release in the body during a meal. By changing the location of two amino acids in the hormone, the company speeded up its absorption by the body, so the insulin-sugar balance in the patient is much more stable. The company, which presented the results of studies at a June meeting of the American Diabetes Association in San Francisco, says the new product is a "significant breakthrough" that will improve the quality of life of insulin-dependent diabetics.

Before Humalog, diabetics have had to inject themselves, an hour before a meal, with the amount of insulin necessary to handle the quantity of food they expected to eat. But if the diabetologist miscalculates, or loses his

appetite, the amount of insulin will not be the right one and he could go into shock. Since the new insulin acts faster to control blood glucose after a meal, the patient can inject himself a few minutes before the meal. His glucose level is more stable, which in turn reduces the risk of long-term medical complications involving the blood vessels, heart and nerves.

LOOK FOR A SMART WIFE

Men who want to have intelligent sons are best advised to marry bright women, according to an Australian geneticist who says boys inherit "intelligence genes" only from their mother. In the latest issue of the British medical journal *The Lancet*, Prof. Gillian Turner says a growing body of evidence indicates that several genes that determine intelligence are located on the X chromosome, which men inherit from their mother.

"These genes are distributed along the whole length of the X chromosome. A single mutation will have more effect on a son

than on a daughter: a female inherits two X chromosomes, one from her mother and one from her father. Thus, if she inherits a mutant gene on an X chromosome from one parent, there is a good chance she'll inherit a normal gene on the X chromosome from the other parent, which will dilute the mutant's impact."

A man has only one X chromosome, from his mother, and a much smaller Y chromosome, from his father. Turner notes that the Y chromosome is so small it doesn't have a gene to match every gene found on the X chromosome, so in a male, a mutant gene on the X chromosome is likely to be the only such gene and – unopposed – will have its full effect.

Harmful mutations of "intelligence genes" on an X chromosome tend to have more effect in a man than a woman, which explains why males suffer from mental retardation more often. But if it's a mutation that increases intelligence, its full effect will be seen in men, while the benefit to women would be less pronounced. This may explain, Turner suggests, why some men are extraordinarily intelligent.

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Standing up to terror

MOSCOW, London, Dharhan, Jerusalem, Colombo, New Delhi, Lahore - all share one dubious privilege - this year they have all been targeted by terrorists. To say that terrorism is an international problem is a cliché so often mouthed by politicians that it almost slips off the tongue without engaging the brain any more. The growing list of cities from Oklahoma to Paris, Algiers to Tel Aviv, that have found themselves on the front line of terrorism in just the past two years puts new meaning into the old cliché, but unfortunately it does not appear to be putting new muscle into the fight against the terrorists.

The reason appears to be the same old reason - one person's terrorist is another's guerrilla or even freedom fighter, which makes all international leaders enthusiastic about stamping out terrorism - except when it is directed against their own favored causes. The two bomb blasts in two days on Moscow's civilian trolleys, targeting nobody but ordinary and probably lower-income Russian citizens and their children, is an unacceptable outrage deserving of universal condemnation.

Without a claim of responsibility or proper evidence it would be unfair to point a premature finger at Chechen rebels - the numerous mafias in Moscow also fall under suspicion. But whoever is responsible deserves only one label - vicious terrorists. As more and more of the

world's citizens find themselves in a shooting gallery for every criminal with a cause and a bag of Semtex, it is to be hoped that their pressure on politicians to get together and do something about it will increase.

Israel is to be commended for the clear lead it gave last week in sending to prison for eight years the Iranian hijacker who commandeered a civilian plane last year. By branding the hijacker a terrorist, without fear of favor, Israel sends a clear message that it understands what the bottom line is. It would have been easy to make excuses that someone fleeing from a fundamentalist and repressive state is "different" and simply grant him asylum. But it is not different, and until every state in the world says so just as clearly, there will simply be more terrorism and less justice for the perpetrators. If the Chechens did bomb Moscow, then it is the Chechen authorities who should rush to put the terrorists on trial.

Conflict is conflict, war is war, and there are well-tried mechanisms for disengaging from them eventually - and even for trying war criminals. But terrorism is always mindless terrorism, and it is time the international community devised an effective agreed definition of the scourge, and then effective universal cooperation that would leave no hiding place on earth for terrorists and a neutral international court to bring them to justice.

The Lady as a beacon

ONE year ago Burmese Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi was released from house arrest by the intransigent military dictators that run her country. Her release raised some faint hope that the government was at last responding to enormous international pressure to improve its atrocious human rights practices. In fact the release, to no one's surprise, was no more than a half-hearted and cynical tactical maneuver to defuse foreign outrage. What the military dictators really hoped was that Suu Kyi would accept the inevitable invitations for engagements abroad, or perhaps even join her British husband, giving them the chance to bar her reentry to Burma.

Suu Kyi, known only as "the Lady" to the mass of Burmese who idolize her, failed to play the game, refusing to abandon her struggle for democracy in her homeland. A detailed report from Amnesty International last week confirms that since Suu Kyi's partial release from arrest, no improvement has been apparent in Burma - quite the reverse, says Amnesty. "The pace of political arrests has in fact accelerated dramatically since November 1995."

More than 1,000 political prisoners remain in Burmese jails and political turmoil has increased dramatically since Suu Kyi's party held a congress at her home in Rangoon in May. It is clear the dictators are also running out of patience with Suu Kyi's quiet but growing power over her own people and with her vast army of admirers overseas. This one diminutive woman provides all too rare and living proof that one human spirit in pursuit of truth and justice is a force impervious to generals, tanks, and military decrees.

The military junta, the State Law and Order Restoration Council, in May locked up more than 250 members of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy in a pathetically unsuccessful attempt to block the party congress, held mainly in the Lady's front garden with huge foreign media coverage. Amnesty says it cannot

confirm government statements that 169 of the congress deputies have been freed, but it remains "seriously concerned" by the confirmed detention of at least 26 others. In addition, the military in June issued a sweeping new decree promising 20 years in jail for anyone merely expressing political views - an enactment worthy of George Orwell's 1984 Thought Police.

International pressure must be intensified against this police state, which is as worthy of the label "pariah" as any Middle Eastern terrorist dictatorship. The pressure is indeed mounting, but unfortunately it took the shocking case of a diplomatic consul to wake up European companies doing business with the generals. James Leander Nichols, an honorary consul for Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Switzerland, died in prison in June under unclear circumstances. He had been jailed for three years for the heinous crime of "operating home telephones and fax machines without permission."

The European Union and the United States are now threatening economic sanctions against Burma and some firms have already started the ball rolling. The US Pepsi-Cola withdrew its stake from a Burma venture earlier this year. Danish brewer Carlsberg recently bowed to threats of a consumer boycott and scrapped plans to invest in Burma. Last week the Dutch Heineken NV withdrew from Burma and canceled its business activities with the country's Myanmar Brewery Ltd.

This is the only international censure dictators really understand. Such boycotts should now be intensified to target the rulers' fatuous Visit Burma Year, with the object of hitting hard the billion dollar investments foreigners have made in more than 30 new hotel and tourist projects. The government has already revised its estimate of half a million visitors for the year to 200,000. For as long as Suu Kyi and her democracy campaigners are persecuted, that should be seen as still 200,000 too many.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TELECOMMUTING

Sir, - The Friday, June 28 edition made two interesting points: first, that the Tel Aviv area may well become one of the most densely populated regions in the world, and second, that Tel Aviv has now surpassed the rest of the country in terms of air pollution - a dubious honor, to say the least.

There is a simple solution that can ease both of these problems: telecommuting.

SMOKING AT AIRPORT

Sir, - Thank you for publishing my letter regarding smoking in the arrival lounge at Ben-Gurion Airport ("Smoking at airport," J.P., June 26). I recently received a reply from the Commissioner for Public Complaints there.

"We have checked the matter of smoking at the airport and discovered that according to the law Ben-Gurion Airport is not considered "a public area" in this matter and therefore is not required to prohibit smoking."

If there are any readers who can explain to me in what way Ben-Gurion Airport is not "a public area," I would be extremely grateful.

In all fairness, they did express long-term plans to introduce an edu-

A US employers are beginning to understand, there are often people in a company whose physical presence in the office is unnecessary. Those who can and want to work at home, either part- or full-time, should be encouraged to do so. There will be less pollution from automobiles, less traffic, and the company will require less office space, thus reducing the cost of maintaining that employee. Gan Yavne. SUSAN CHASIN

ational campaign to limit smoking at the airport. Unfortunately, without the backing of law, this attempt is doomed to failure. DR. MENACHEM GROSS Jerusalem.

GALA PERFORMANCE

Sir, - The recent gala performance outside the newly lit Old City walls was neither scheduled nor intended as a religious event. Yet the plaintive shofar piece for Ron Arad and the chorale "Zeh Eli Ve'an-vahu" surely touched the hearts of both performers and listeners. I believe it brought out the *pinetele yid* in all concerned and was assuredly what the word at large would wish to hear from the eternally Holy City. Jerusalem. ROBERT CRAMER

DAVID LEVY

Sir, - David Levy's behavior over the years, as documented in your editorial of July 4, "Who's the boss?" reveal an egomaniac that knows no bounds. That our foreign minister was willing to humiliate his prime minister in his presence and before the media is an intolerable affront. Levy has always desired to be sole spokesman for anything that would serve his dreams of aggrandizement and he succeeded all too well, throwing a spoke into the wheels of the state.

PROF. ROBERT KENNETH Rishon LeZion.

SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME

Sir, - If Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wants to convince the Israeli public that he is interested in our security and safety he should begin at home and insure the safety an security of his wife and children. No one, whether an adult or child, should ride a horse or even pose for photographs on one (J.P., July 5) without wearing appropriate protective head gear and having professional instruction. KATHY SALMANSON Jerusalem.



Hollow sentiment

EFFRAIM ZUROFF

BY all accounts it was a most impressive speech. At the same time it was an unprecedented historical event which was supposed to signal the end of a period of bitter emity and the beginning of a new relationship based on friendship and cooperation.

As a member of the audience, I can testify that the words and the setting had a special sense of drama, as if history was being made.

The speech in question was delivered to the Knesset by Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas on March 1, 1995 during the first official visit made by a Lithuanian president to the Jewish state.

Given the massive and zealous participation of Lithuanians in the murder of Jews during the Holocaust, Brazauskas's trip to Israel was of historic significance. Lithuania had been occupied by the Soviet Union for almost five decades following World War II and only after obtaining its independence could it truly confront its bloody role in the Final Solution.

The visit, by President Brazauskas was, in fact, planned to mark the beginning of a new era in relations between Jews and Lithuanians. Any such development had to be preceded, however, by a forthright admission of the widespread Lithuanian complicity in the Holocaust, and a genuine expression of contrition and a request for forgiveness.

It was expected, moreover, that these declarations would be accompanied by an unequivocal commitment to prosecute the war criminals who had still not been brought to justice and by a promise that the rehabilitations which had been illegally granted in Lithuania to Nazi collaborators would be revoked.

Only after a firm commitment on all four issues had been made by Brazauskas could Lithuanians and Jews begin to think of a better future.

President Brazauskas said all those things in his speech, and he said them in a way which touched the hearts of many Israelis. After speaking about the important role Jews had played in prewar Lithuania and the achievements of its flourishing Jewish community, he stated:

"I, the president of Lithuania, bow my head to the memory of the more than 200,000 Jews of Lithuania who were killed. I ask

you for forgiveness for those Lithuanians who ruthlessly killed, shot, deported and robbed Jews.

"These are not easy words to pronounce. Not only Israel and the Jews need them. They are likewise needed by Lithuania and the Lithuanians.

"That is so because the Holocaust of the Jews was also the misfortune of Lithuania. That is so

To Israelis the Lithuanian leader said all the right things. But when it came to indicting Nazi war criminals his actions spoke louder than words

because the only way to achieve rehabilitation and a coming to terms with history is through an acknowledgment of the truth.

"It is not enough just to ask for forgiveness. It is necessary constantly to be aware of what occurred."

Besides these declarations, moreover, the Lithuanian president spoke of his efforts to advance the joint Lithuanian-Israeli commission of inquiry regarding the rehabilitations. He made an unequivocal and very important promise that those responsible for the crimes of the Holocaust would be brought to justice. He said, "We are prepared to prosecute war criminals and will do so publicly, consistently and conscientiously."

Judged by the reaction of his audience, Brazauskas's speech was a great success and achieved the desired impact. The historic obstacles had ostensibly been removed by the president's painful admissions and the path was now clear for improved relations between Jews and Lithuanians.

A YEAR and a quarter later, however, Brazauskas's promises ring increasingly hollow, and the arrival in Vilnius last month of accused Nazi war criminal Alexandras Lileikis only reinforces the growing realization that Lithuania is incapable of dealing with its bloody record during World War II.

For almost two years, various groups, including the Wiesenthal Center, have been urging the Lithuanian government to ask for the extradition from the US of Lileikis, who headed the Lithuanian Security Police (Saugumas) in the Vilna district and played an extremely important role in the annihilation of Lithuanian Jewry. (This is particularly important because Lileikis could not be prosecuted for his crimes in the US and US efforts to deport him could have taken years, whereas a Lithuanian extradition request would have been given priority.)

Instead of doing so, however, the Lithuanian authorities made every effort to delay taking such action, using absurd and ridiculous excuses.

In effect, their tactics would have succeeded (Lileikis is already in his late 80s) but for a surprising development. Lileikis recently learned that his case was being investigated in both Poland and Israel. Fearing extradition to either country, he decided that Lithuania was the safest place to go.

Despite the fact that the procurator-general of Lithuania has extremely incriminating evidence against Lileikis, the man was not arrested upon his arrival in Vilnius. In fact, it is highly doubtful whether he will ever be put on trial. And in this respect, precedent augurs well for his future.

At least four other Lithuanian Nazi collaborators forced to leave the US for concealing their wartime activities have already returned to Lithuania, including Lileikis's assistant Kazys Gimzauskas. None of them has been put on trial.

If we add the highly unsatisfactory level of cooperation by the Lithuanians on the joint commission to investigate the rehabilitations, we see that President Brazauskas's speech was little more than an empty gesture. It was designed to pave the way for improved relations - perhaps with Israelis and Jews, but most of all with the US.

Every day that passes without Lileikis being arrested and indicted Brazauskas's words ring hollow and hollower, providing conclusive proof that in Lithuania, for far too many people, Nazi collaborators remain heroes rather than villains.

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Debt to memory

ALEXANDER ZVIELI

AS the years go by the memory of my sister, parents and grandparents gradually fades. They perished without trace at the time of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and I frequently wonder how to preserve their memory.

They seem like mythical figures to my children and grandchildren, who will never have an opportunity to find their unmarked graves. The few miraculously saved old photos hardly convey much of a message. And the question remains: What can be done to preserve the chain of family continuity?

An interesting answer was provided by some American visitors who attended the first international gathering of Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem in 1981. They brought with them memorial stones of all shapes and sizes. These were later placed in a cave in the Valley of Lost Communities.

This initiative clearly indicated the survivors' need for something beyond a single, all-embracing monument. It reflected their inner yearning for a more personal arrangement.

Yad Vashem somewhat reluctantly welcomed the Americans' bold initiative. But many years passed before it finally agreed to put up, in return for payment, plaques memorializing any family that perished in the Holocaust.

Then in May Yad Vashem's board of directors decided, on the recommendation of chairman Avner Shalev, to halt all plans for a memorial cave where survivors and their families could purchase plaques for permanent display.

The objections - ostensibly stemmed from the question of whether it was right to demand payment for the plaques. The board added, however, that anyone who had already ordered a plaque could go ahead.

I INFINITELY regret the board's decision. There is nothing I would like more than to see my original family name modestly displayed on an individual plaque somewhere in or near the Valley of Lost Communities.

Some 30 years ago I suggested a similar scheme to Yad Vashem. Holocaust victims, I said, deserve more than just their names catalogued and computerized in Yad Vashem's register. Whenever possible, they deserve to be commemorated individually.

But I understood back then that

A scheme to bring those who perished in the Holocaust symbolically to Jerusalem

Yad Vashem had a different set of priorities. It was listing and interviewing survivors, and was busy doing historical research. It took excellent care of Righteous Gentiles, allowing them to plant trees and put up plaques, and it welcomed magnificent projects suggested by wealthy donors.

But if 30 years ago Yad Vashem lacked organizational experience and faced financial problems, today its situation is far better.

Time is passing. With Holocaust research becoming more and more limited, now may be the time for Yad Vashem to reconsider implementing the individual plaque scheme. A single cave might be too small for such an ambitious undertaking, but the forest dedicated to the memory of the Six Million would be eminently suitable.

As to payment for such a service, I see nothing wrong in it. In fact I wouldn't expect anything else. Having one's family name engraved on a memorial plaque is a personal affair. Those who couldn't afford it could be helped. The details could surely be worked out in a democratic way.

Many of us in Israel and abroad have changed our original names. Family members and friends might thus be unaware of our existence, and we of theirs.

A family memorial plaque might attract the attention of visiting relatives or friends dispersed worldwide who never knew we lived here; and it would remind my children and grandchildren of their roots.

An individual memorial plaque bearing my original family name would assure the symbolic presence of my family here in Jerusalem.

Weren't the Six Million granted honorary citizenship of the State of Israel by our national institutions?

Let's mark it in metal or stone. We owe it to the Holocaust victims, to world Jewry, and to ourselves.

The writer is a freelance...

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Walk around Dougie van Heerden's baobab - all 46.8 meters around - and you think: big tree. Step inside, where van Heerden has carved out a bar that seats a dozen people comfortably, and you think: very big tree. Van Heerden, of Duiwelskloof, South Africa, rents the baobab out for private gatherings. One evening, 56 partiers squeezed inside the tree. (AP)

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HIGGINS

Love Affair

Are Israeli-American ties in jeopardy?

BY GERSHOM GORENBERG

Benjamin Netanyahu loves America — its power, its media, its politics — and his trip to Washington this week as prime minister of Israel will be the high point of a lifelong romance. But Netanyahu's emotional attachment to the country in which he's spent a third of his life throws a potentially explosive twist into the two countries' relationship.

Built into Netanyahu's psyche, I suspect, is a strong proclivity to regard disagreements with the United States — and especially pressure for compromise with the Arabs — as betrayal in a personal sense. There's a risk that Netanyahu is heading to reenact the failed political love affair between his father's generation of right-wing Zionists and the British Empire.

Insiders naturally downplay the possibility of conflict. "There was very good chemistry," when Clinton and Netanyahu met four years ago, says Dore Gold, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser. "They're not far apart in age. And they both know what a good campaign is."

But personal rapport aside, basic policy differences divide the two leaders. The United States, as one foreign diplomat here notes, sees a "strategic interest" in an Israeli-Syrian peace accord. "It would end the Hezbollah operation in Lebanon. It would end the Arab-Israeli conflict. It would isolate Iran." But if Netanyahu sticks to his off-declared vow that the Golan Heights remain in Israeli hands, the talks with Syria — and Washington's dream of a comprehensive regional peace — may be history.

There are also latent conflicts over Israel's relations with the Palestinians. The United States has signed the Oslo accords, which Netanyahu has compared derisively to the Munich Pact. The deal, which the U.S. will push Netanyahu to honor, obligates Israel to give up most of Hebron immediately and to carry out the first of three "further redeployments" in the West Bank in August — diplomat speak for ceding more land to Palestinian rule. Wriggling out of those commitments is a recipe for tension with Washington.

The Clinton administration has little to gain from a public feud with Netanyahu before the '96 election, and torpedoing the peace process isn't good domestic politics for Bibi, either. But, while pundits have made much of Bibi's pragmatism, this trait will have to battle with other instincts he learned at his father's knee: territorial maximalism, reverence for

power, belief in the nation as organic unit. Netanyahu inherited a visceral attachment to the idea of Greater Israel and a deep suspicion that outside powers will betray this vision.

Netanyahu's father, Benzion, now 86, was a disciple and close associate of Vladimir Jabotinsky, the fiery nationalist who founded the pre-state Revisionist Zionist movement. Reading Benjamin Netanyahu's 1993 book, *A Place Among the Nations: Israel and the World*, is like holding a séance with Jabotinsky's ghost. Netanyahu spends pages attacking Britain's 1922 decision to give Transjordan to the Arabs rather than include it in the planned Jewish national home. This was a burning issue in pre-state days but not one that usually exercises Israelis in their '40s.

Much of Netanyahu's book is devoted to a tragic, long-ago political love story, one that might well repeat itself. In his telling, Zionism as a young movement enjoyed wide support in the West, particularly in Britain. In turn, the Jews proved to be Britain's one true ally in the Mideast in World War I, when Jabotinsky formed a Jewish Legion to fight on the allied side. At Versailles, the betrothal was sealed with the British mandate over Palestine, aimed at creating the Jewish national home.

He names the next chapter "Betrayal." Unfaithful from the start, the British — or rather, the Foreign Office Arabists who abductured policy — tore off Transjordan, stopped Jewish immigration and taught the Arabs anti-Zionism. Rather than building a Jewish state as the one safe base in the Mideast, they aimed at making the Arab world into a pro-British federation.

Netanyahu's account echoes Jabotinsky's intense identification with the West and his bitterness at Britain's "betrayal." What's more, in Netanyahu's eyes, the pattern of perfidy recurs: the West supports Israel until 1967, then falls for Arab propaganda. "The betrayal of Zionism by the West" is expressed in demands that Israel make concessions. Consciously or not, Netanyahu seems to say treachery is inevitable.

This sense of foreboding implicit in Bibi's view of the West and of the United States coexists with extreme pro-Americanism. His inner circle is packed with Americanized or American-born Israelis: Gold, political mentor Moshe Arens, media adviser David Bar-Illan. For an economic platform, Bibi imported made-in-the-USA supply-side economics. After his election, he set up a U.S.-style national security council. During the campaign, he broke with Israeli tradition and, à la American campaigners, appeared regularly with his wife. In what may have been the most bizarre

moment of his political career, he appeared three years ago on national TV to confess his unfaithfulness to her.

Yet Bibi's intense desire for American approval coexists with a political ideology largely at odds with American interests. In his book, Netanyahu argues that Israel remains the one reliable, pro-Western state in the region, America's one sure ally. As Israeli historian Anita Shapira puts it, "The parallel with the past is his view that we are a bulwark of the West in the Middle East, rather than part of the Middle East." The United States, by contrast, doesn't want an alliance with Israel in opposition to the Arab world. It wants a coalition of allies in the area. Shimon Peres embraced America's vision of an Israel integrated into the Middle East. Bibi does not.

That doesn't mean a blow-up is inevitable. Netanyahu might find proposals creative enough to keep the peace process going — Gold is confident that's possible — or at least to maintain the appearance of progress. Joseph Alpher, head of the American Jewish Committee's Israel-Middle East office, notes that the prime minister's circle includes figures "with a strong pragmatic streak, who don't want to be blamed for ending the peace process." But the Likud also includes rejectionists like Ze'ev (Beni) Begin and Ariel Sharon, and its governing coalition boasts parties even further to the right.

If Washington does demand greater flexibility from a Netanyahu government, it won't be the first time the U.S. has pressured Israel. But, compared to Yitzhak Rabin's battles with the Ford administration, or Yitzhak Shamir's with George Bush, Netanyahu will probably respond much more stridently. Not only will he lobby sympathetic members of Congress and ask the U.S. Jewish community to do the same, he'll appeal directly to the American public.

In soundbites for domestic consumption, Netanyahu will probably use the time-honored Zionist term: "betrayal." He's likely to blame State Department Arabists for hijacking the policies of the country he so admires. The tone will likely be hyperbole, if not fury.

Benjamin Netanyahu may be the most American prime minister Israel has ever had. For precisely that reason, the longstanding Israeli-American love affair may be in for a rocky spell.

Partisan politics delay budget deal

BY ROBERT NOVAK

President Clinton, in a recent private conversation with Republican notable Jack Kemp, agreed that he probably could make a budget deal with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott were it not for partisan politicians in both parties.

Seated next to the president at a White House breakfast, Kemp commended his good friend Lott to Clinton. Now that Lott has replaced Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole as majority leader, Kemp suggested Lott, Clinton and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich would need only 10 minutes to agree on balancing the budget in seven years with a cut in capital gains tax rates.

Whether sincerely or just to be polite, Clinton allowed that might be so. However, Kemp responded, hard-nosed members of Congress from each side of the aisle would not let that happen. Clinton smiled and added, "That's probably true."

NON-REPUBLICAN POWELL

The intimate meeting between Dole and Gen. Colin Powell that enhanced speculation about a Dole-Powell Republican ticket might, in fact, have ended any chance for that combination.

According to well-placed sources, Dole left the meeting with this attitude: Although he likes and respects the general and wants his active support, Powell is not really much of a Republican.

Powell has agreed to campaign for Dole in mutually acceptable places, but friends say he has not decided whether to go to San Diego for the Republican National Convention in August. He will attend only if Dole has revealed his vice presidential choice by then.

DEFEND CRAIG LIVINGSTONE

More than 10 months before the FBI files affair made him a national figure, Craig Livingstone was collecting money for a legal defense fund.

Democrats last year received a letter from Wally Chalmers, a well-known Democratic operative, seeking money for White House aide Livingstone's legal expenses. Chalmers said Livingstone needed representation in connection with investigations into Vincent Foster's death and the White House travel office firings.

The Office of Government Ethics has no record of a legal defense fund for Livingstone, though it is required by law. Chalmers told me a Nov. 16 fund-raiser produced \$3,600, and total funds raised were around \$8,000 — hardly a dent in Livingstone's current legal needs.

SECRETARY MITCHELL?

Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell is being mentioned as a leading prospect to be U.S. Secretary of State if Clinton is re-elected and Warren Christopher, as expected, returns to Los Angeles to practice law.

UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright has long been considered the front-runner to succeed Christopher. However, Mitchell is highly regarded by Clinton, who wanted to name him to the U.S. Supreme Court when he resigned from the Senate in 1994. Mitchell is well thought of at the U.S. State Department as a result of his trouble-shooting diplomatic mission to Northern Ireland.

Mitchell was set to become commissioner of baseball once the sport settled its labor problems. But since the owners and players have yet to reach agreement, it is unclear whether he still is in line for the \$1 million-a-year job.

STUBBORN REPUBLICAN

U.S. Rep. Wes Cooley, the freshman Republican from Oregon, is running for re-election despite impassioned pleas from his party's leaders that he step aside to save his congressional seat for the GOP.

Party sources say the principal plea came from U.S. Rep. Bill Paxon, chairman of the House Republican campaign committee. Paxon told Cooley that he cannot be re-elected because of charges that he concealed his current marriage so that his wife could receive benefits as a war widow and charges that he falsified his Korean War record.

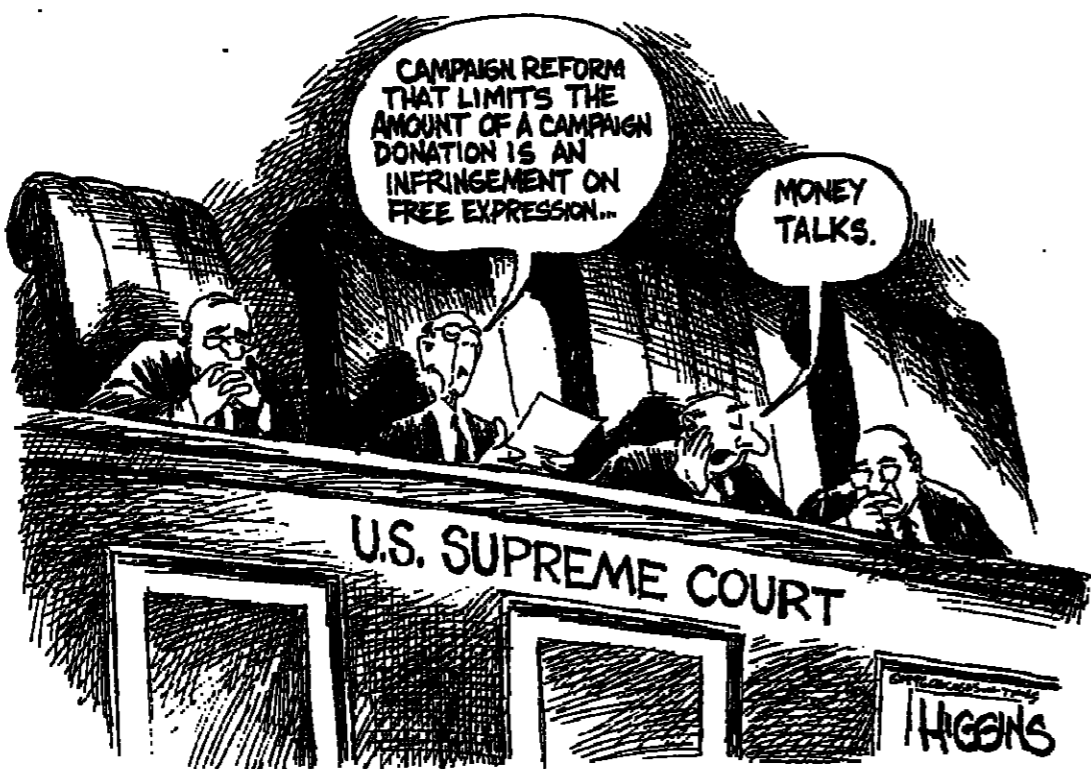
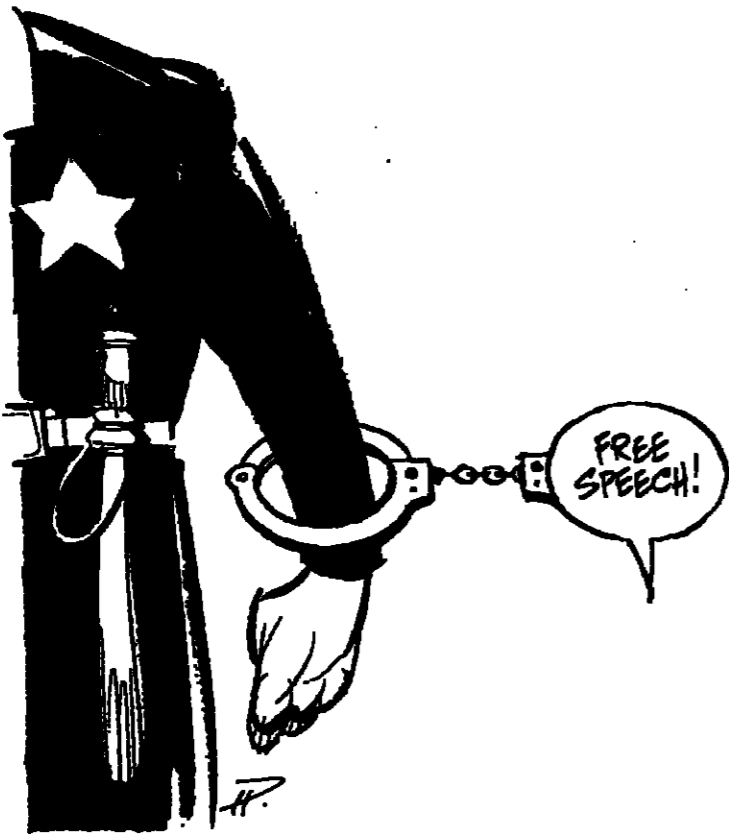
Private GOP polls show that there is no chance that Cooley can be elected in November but that any other Republican would be elected from the district.

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"RUSSIANS SEEM TO BE CATCHING ON QUICKLY TO DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS..."



Bob Dole's new policy coordinator lacks vision

By MICHAEL CROWLEY

Your presidential campaign has a dead battery. Your stump speeches don't energize crowds or move the polls. Voters see you as an inside player, a legislative sausage-maker without a compelling rationale for your candidacy or a coherent vision for your presidency. What to do?

If you're Bob Dole, you turn to a 1970s-era bureaucratic operator who's also spent years in Washington in service of no particular ideology. That man is Donald Rumsfeld, who has held four Cabinet posts and has become policy coordinator for the Dole campaign. His job will be to choose and oversee teams of policy brainstormers. According to Bob Woodward's new book, *The Choice*, Rumsfeld's also near the top of Dole's running-mate wish-list.

But Rumsfeld hardly seems the perfect "10" Dole claims to be seeking. So why is Dole so enamored of him? The connection is personal. The two served in Congress together and have been close since the Nixon administration. When Rumsfeld aborted his 1988 run for the presidency, he quickly backed Dole instead of the favorite, George Bush. It's easy to see why the two get along. Both are establishment, process Republicans. Dole is well-known to be happiest when surrounded by familiar faces from his generation. It's also true that the famously undisciplined Dole, who at times in past weeks has seemed to be running as much against his staff as against Bill Clinton, could benefit from Rumsfeld's managerial discipline. But the Dole campaign is bereft of ideas, and on that score its new policy coordinator seems likely only to make matters worse.

For when it comes to vision, Rumsfeld ("Rummy" to friends) is a little like George Bush without the thank-you notes. He's a consummate insider, an Ivy League WASP with a double-barreled Beltway resume but not much ideological firmness. Like Bush, the 64-year-old Rumsfeld was first a fighter pilot, then a congressman. He represented a Cook County, Illinois, district in the House in the 1960s, and he and Dole worked

next door to each other in the Cannon office building. After turning down Nixon's offer of the GOP chairmanship, Rumsfeld accepted the NATO ambassadorship in 1970. But it was under former president Gerald Ford, another sometime congressional ally, that Rummy shone brightest. Ford picked him as his chief of staff, and he later served as Secretary of Defense.

It's telling that Rumsfeld's most notable political legacy is probably "Rumsfeld's Rules," a blend of political aphorisms and do's and don'ts of running the

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White House collected from his days under Ford. Together the snippets form a short manual that preaches corporate-like management structure and efficient use of subordinates. "The President's key assets are his words and his time," reads a typical entry. "Help him allocate each with care." It sounds pretty banal, but a few recent administrations could have benefited from such banality.

The managerial skills exhibited in his "Rules" served Rumsfeld well during a long private-sector hiatus. During the late '70s and '80s, he oversaw profitable downsizing-propelled turnarounds at two major corporations: The pharmaceutical company G.D. Searle, whose stock soared more than 500 percent under his reign, and the technology giant General Instrument Corporation. Rumsfeld earned himself several millions along the way, and a place among Fortune's "10 toughest bosses in America."

While Rumsfeld's style may have translated into profits in the corporate world, in Washington it sometimes burned bridges. His tactics left him many enemies in the House. "Typical Rumsfeld," noted Bob Haldeman in his diary after Rummy faked out Nixon's staff in

pursuit of an administration job in 1972. "Rather slimy maneuver," Haldeman called it, which is something considering the source. But few found much ideological passion behind Rumsfeld's climb. Pat Buchanan called him a "party pragmatist of vast ambition and no settled political philosophy."

In 1988, Rumsfeld flirted with his own presidential run. Columnist George Will even drooled over the "hardness in his gaze and temperament," and pitched him as a potential "Republican heartthrob" to succeed Ronald Reagan. But, a little like Dole today, Rumsfeld found that the qualities that served him well inside official Washington — his pragmatism and ability to get things done — did not serve him well on the big stage, where voters demanded a vision. His exit announcement reflected the lack of flair on the campaign trail that had so quickly sunk his bid: "For a dark horse, the probable imbalance of revenues and expenses early in the campaign raises the specter of a deficit of several millions of dollars," he droned. "... I am unwilling to proceed on a deficit basis."

There is, however, one important exception to Rumsfeld's blurry political philosophy, and it could have important implications as he helps shape Dole's platform. Rumsfeld approaches hawk purity and is likely to encourage the Dole campaign's growing focus on defense. Under Nixon, Rumsfeld was suspicious of détente with Russia, opposed the SALT II treaty and won bigger Pentagon budgets. Today, he champions the proposed missile defense system that Dole continues to tout, particularly in defense-industry-rich California.

Yet this will probably prove to be small change given Dole's general lack of focus. The rap against Dole is that he doesn't know why he wants to be president. How is Rumsfeld, a man who didn't even know why he wanted to be president, supposed to find the answer?

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Open Air PM newspaper makes a New York debut

BY SCOTT MALCOLMSON

Four thousand years ago, the rabbi said, "there was an Abraham. This Abraham set out to change the world. He was not popular." Yet Abraham created "the bedrock of civilization," the rabbi said. "We have here today another Abraham. Abraham Hirschfeld." The man of whom the rabbi spoke did not blush at the comparison. For Abe Hirschfeld fancies himself a patriarch, too: of lite, upbeat news, the odd bit of puffery for political friends, wire copy, multi-culti good feelings and unedited (or so he promises) reporting. In other words, all the most baleful journalistic trends in one small daily afternoon paper. Hirschfeld plans to fund it with paid-for obituaries. How strangely appropriate.

Atop the New York hotel he owns, the Pennsylvania, in a rarely used ballroom where Tommy Dorsey once reigned, Abe Hirschfeld was announcing the new project, to be called Open Air PM, which was to begin publication three days later. (It did.) And so gathered the rabbi, a roomful of cronies and the actress Sylvia Miles, who graciously said a few words to cover the absence of New York Lieutenant Gov. Elizabeth McCaughey Ross, a last-minute no-show.

Three years ago, Hirschfeld, a real estate magnate and sometime political panjandrum, briefly owned the newspaper founded by Alexander Hamilton, the *New York Post*. Its first issue with Hirschfeld at the helm was, he said, "the only edition in the history of the press to become a collector's item." He doesn't mention that it became a collector's item because it viciously attacked its new owner. The cover illustration showed a weeping Alexander Hamilton. For a time, the *Post* editorial staff wouldn't allow Hirschfeld into the newsroom.

The exuberant owner famously kissed a pained Pete Hamill, then the *Post's* editor, who was revered by all of hackdom as a Yeltsin-on-the-tank figure trying to save the hapless tabloid.

Hirschfeld has a New Yorker cartoon of the kiss framed on the wall behind his desk. The couple of weeks that he ran the *Post* have burned in his memory, and he spent the next three years, he says, dreaming of having a paper again. Hirschfeld, who emigrated to New York from Israel in 1950, made his fortune by building multi-story garages without walls — "open-air" garages: now he has decided to start a newspaper named after his revolutionary parking concept.

These days all hackdom seems to be par-

taking in an understandable conspiracy to ignore Hirschfeld. His new venture has elicited squibs here and there, but not the sort of coverage you would expect when a new daily starts up in Manhattan. This is probably because Hirschfeld, like *USA Today's* Al Neuharth of a decade ago, is a professional nightmare: He has loads of cash and believes that journalism is an essentially trivial occupation. That *New York's* dailies and weeklies have, on the whole, been making themselves increasingly trivial over the past few years does not make Hirschfeld any more appetizing a vision. (Who would ever have guessed that society columns would make a comeback?) If successful, he could make *The New York Observer* look like *Le Monde Diplomatique*.

A few weeks before the Open Air PM launch, he seems a man filled with purpose. On a Monday morning in his offices atop the

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Hotel Pennsylvania, he is wrapping up the usual eight o'clock meeting with the editor and general manager of his new venture. The editor, Eric Gerard, is the second to hold this post in the paper's short life. The last editor quit when Hirschfeld told him there would be no editing. The owner had decided earlier that day that editing gets in the way of a writer's voice. Hirschfeld wants strong opinions, strongly expressed. Gerard, formerly of *Real Estate Weekly*, says he plans to do some editing, but lightly. There have also, incidentally, been three managing editors so far, and one copy chief who offered to quit the very day she started work.

So the meeting is brisk. The editor asks permission to do a profile. Hirschfeld says OK. I notice on the couch a stack of wide ties in various colors, all printed with a crossword-puzzle design. According to a timorous source, Hirschfeld had had these made when he took over the *Post* and when he was forced out, he took his ties with him. Now he's giving them away again.

The morning meeting over, Hirschfeld sits down for a talk. He shows me a dummy issue. He emphasizes the mission of the paper: to provide upbeat news and to encourage harmony among the races. Some articles will be in

Spanish. A section headline announces "Black News." A small pen-and-ink drawing on the cover illustrates the harmony idea. It shows Donald Trump, Michael Jackson, Barbra Streisand and Abe Hirschfeld. At the paper's early June launch party, Hirschfeld pointed to a black man on the dais and explained that each issue would feature "a complete section of black articles." He also invited a Hispanic man to speak, who delivered a brief address in Spanish before concluding, in English, "I hope you understand what I said." Hirschfeld certainly didn't — he knows no Spanish. But he does know that Spanish-speakers exist and presumably will die and buy obituaries like everyone else.

Like the open-air garages before it, the success of Open Air PM will depend on a commercial innovation: the chance to write, for a fee, your own obituary (in advance), or obituaries for your loved one, employer or employee. Illustrations are optional. Hirschfeld says a corporation can deduct the expense of an obituary for an employee from its taxes. Obituaries alone are supposed to cover, he says, "far more than the cost of the newspaper." One wonders: How many must die that this newspaper might live?

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Whitewater: Where do the Clintons stand?

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

The conviction of Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and the McDougals by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr poses potential problems for the Clintons which transcend the political opportunism of the Al D'Amatos and the Newt Gingrichs of the world. The real danger to them is that one or more of the convicted defendants — who now face serious prison time — will decide to cooperate with the independent counsel in exchange for a reduced sentence. Such cooperation can mean the difference between a long prison term and a slap on the wrist.

There is a great temptation by convicted defendants to tell prosecutors what they want to hear. Sometimes this requires creative fiction. Other times it can be accomplished by stretching the truth just a bit, or by describing ambiguous events more clearly than they actually occurred. Often it simply means telling the unpleasant truth about friends and associates.

Professional prosecutors have always been skeptical of "bought witnesses" who try to "trade up" in order to help themselves. One experienced federal prosecutor, now a judge, lectures to prosecutors around the country about the risks inherent in believing such witnesses. He recommends that witnesses who have something to gain by incriminating others should not be used, except as sources of information, and that every bit of information provided by such witnesses should be independently corroborated. This would be a wise rule for the independent counsel's office to follow, in the event that any of the convicted defendants become cooperating witnesses. The same rule should be followed in respect to those defendants currently facing trial as well as to "targets" and "subjects" of ongoing investigations.

One expected consequence of the Arkansas convictions will be some muscle flexing by the independent counsel's office and some rethinking of options by those who face prosecution. Had Gov. Tucker and his co-defendants been acquitted by the Arkansas jury, the dynamics would be different. Lawyers for those now under investigation would be able to flex their muscles, because they would have understood that the independent counsel could not have afforded to lose another case. Indeed, it is even possible that the independent counsel would have cut back on its investigations and prosecuted only slam-dunk cases against low-level defendants. But now everything is different. The independent counsel can afford to take more chances. Defendants will realize that the independent counsel is not about to close up shop, and that it may be to their advantage to win the race to the prosecutor's office and be first in line to make a deal.

There is the even greater danger that the highly political independent counsel may be willing to believe a story that is not entirely true. Remember that this is an independent counsel's office that has elevated the politically motivated leak to an art form, even though it is improper to disclose what has taken place in front of grand juries. There are good reasons for wondering whether the independent counsel will exercise an appropriate degree of skepticism toward witnesses who seek to buy their way out of prison by offering testimony against the president or the first lady. Even if the independent counsel decides not to prosecute on the basis of uncorroborated testimony of a witness-for-hire, there may still be leaks of the questionable testimony, calculated to embarrass the White House.

The jurors in the Arkansas case seem to have applied the rule of caution toward cooperating witnesses, in so far as they rejected testimony by David Hale. One juror characterized Hale as an "unmitigated liar." Another said, "We didn't believe a thing Hale said." Yet another witness said she considered Hale's testimony only when she could corroborate it by documentary evidence or the testimony of a credible witness.

The independent counsel has said that the jury in Arkansas has spoken. Now he must listen carefully to what they said. They disbelieved his cooperating witness. They believed President Clinton. They based their conviction primarily on documentary evidence and the testimony of witnesses who had nothing to gain from their testimony. Unless Mr. Starr has an airtight documentary case against the president — which is highly unlikely — he ought not to wallow in the muck of sleazy witnesses seeking to buy their way out of prison by creative cooperation.

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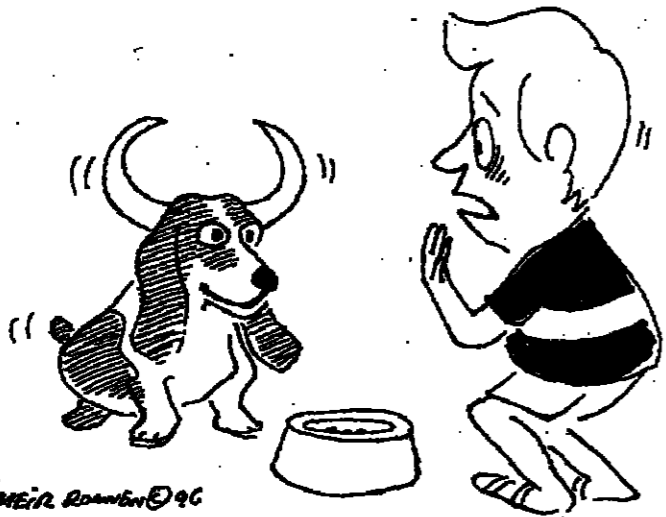
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Agony aunts in the Yiddish press



Mad cow, dogs and Englishmen

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A number of readers have asked whether, in view of the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, or madcow) virus in British cattle, there is any danger to pets from feeding them dog and cat food imported from Britain.

This is not an easy question to answer. First of all, there is certainly no proof that the BSE virus can attack other animals. Even in the case of humans there is only suspicion and no one is really sure that this is the cause of the neurological disease some humans have suffered.

Second, the Ministry of Health does not check animal food for this virus for a good many reasons, of which the most important is that the chance of an animal companion getting it from this food is so small as to be almost nonexistent.

But aside from that, if BSE really is the cause of human illness, it would appear that the incubation time is quite a number of years, in fact far more years than the lifespan of dogs and cats. Therefore the chances of an infection, even if the virus is there, is almost nil. As in every other aspect of our lives, common sense must be the guide: It is far more likely that a dog or cat will die from poisoning, from swallowing a foreign object, from a household accident,

a traffic mishap, tick fever or any number of other things than by contracting a disease from imported animal food.

The British are extremely caring of their dogs and cats, yet in this entire crisis no one has suggested removing the standard animal foods from the market.

On the subject of imported animal food, it should be remembered that this is a very hot climate and a large number of foreign-made animal kibbles and such contain far too much fat, which in small dogs often results in obesity. For animals in our climate a diet containing not more than 12 to 15 percent crude fat is recommended.

Incidentally the packages of ground-up chicken parts sold as meat for dogs and cats contain a very large but not standardized amount of fat and an inordinate amount of crushed bone which causes digestive problems and constipation in some dogs.

Other than these considerations, the main one is whether your pet approves of the food. For finicky eaters one may find it worthwhile to change brands of food on occasion. Usually a dog or cat that has started to show apathy to the food dish will suddenly discover its appetite when presented with a new food. This is especially true of cats but also applies to fussy dogs.

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

TO be a successful writer or editor for the Yiddish press in America at the turn of this century, a vivid imagination was essential. Not only had he to compete with the sensationalist headlines of Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World* and Randolph Hearst's *New York Journal*. His reader was the poor new immigrant who needed vigorous prompting to part with the few cents that his newspaper cost. Getzel Zelikovitch of the *Yiddishes Tageblatt*, was such an editor. Ze'ev Goldberg of the Hebrew University writes in the current issue of *Kesher*.

A typical headline in the *Tageblatt* in 1892 announced: "Something terrible! Fight Between Two Eagles About A Live Baby! Father Shoots His Own Child!"

The story was about a woman who had left her baby on a lawn near her house. A big eagle grabbed the infant and carried him into the air. "No pen can describe the terrible howls of the mother! Her husband, upon hearing what had happened, mounted a horse and rode to the place where the eagle's nest was. He saw his child balanced on a pick while two eagles fought over their 'piece of flesh.' The stronger of the eagles killed his rival, but when he soared into the air the child's father fired. Eagle and child fell into a river. The desolate father brought home the body of his son and the two dead eagles. Awful!"

The editor's duty on his paper required him to fill several pages of a miscellaneous nature. He translated news items from the local English-language press and European papers; wrote the leading articles; discussed scientific and religious problems; and edited the women's page. He also wrote novels which appeared in weekly or daily installments.

Anything was fit for print, remarks Goldberg. In a feature article the editor explained at length that he hated flies because once a fly fell into his bowl of soup. He reported that a woman in the Polish town of Yaroslav had her glass eye shattered by thunder, but that happily the woman did not suffer otherwise.



The daily *Forverts* was edited by Abe Cahan for nearly half a century. It played an integral part in lives of new Jewish immigrants to America.

In Mississippi, the editor wrote, a sleepwalker went down to the river in the black of night, caught three fish and returned home safely. He remembered nothing of his adventure when he woke in the morning.

Zelikovitch's successor at *Tageblatt* was John Paley, a controversial personality it seems, but highly imaginative. One story of his was about an observant Jewish peddler who was given a dish of oysters. When the man learned what he had eaten he simply died. "The police could not find the perpetrators of the crime."

THE TREND of sensationalism in the Yiddish press was established, so it seems, by Y. Wagman, the

editor of the weekly *Der Telegraph*. Wagman, too, wrote most of the stuff which he published. His imagination had a religious bent. In the *Machpela Cave*, he assured readers, "One found the hat and the candlesticks of Matriarch Sarah!"

Nearer home, in a cave in Mexico, the remains of several Jews wearing their prayers shawls and tefillin were discovered.

The Hebrew poet Menahem Mendel Dolitzki, who immigrated to the US in 1892, tried to establish a literary periodical, but Zelikovitch was skeptical about the chances of survival of *Di Zeit*. "You certainly have enough talent to run your paper," he wrote Dolitzki; "but do you have

enough hutzpa?" By hutzpa he meant "the ability to bluff. In America the most talented man is just a fledgling. The all-powerful bully is the one who can bluff." *Di Zeit* folded within a few months.

The daily *Forverts* ("Onward") was edited for nearly 50 years by Abe Cahan, who took seriously his task of introducing immigrants to their new country. People turned to Cahan for guidance.

Tel Aviv University's Gideon Spiegel quotes in *Kesher* some typical letters that appeared in the *Binet Brief* section of *Forverts* between 1908 and 1953.

"DEAR EDITOR," one reader wrote. "Wasn't it a scandal that a

boy of 13, who works for \$5.20 weekly, was fined two cents because he was late for work one morning?"

"Dear editor," another wrote: "My girlfriend is religious, I am not; moreover she is much shorter than me. Would our liaison lead to an unhappy marriage?" The editor's reply: "Love conquers all!"

Or again; "Dear editor: A Russian-born colleague where I work said the other day that all Galizianers should be dead. I am from Galicia. Why should one Jew malign other Jews?" Answer: "He should not."

"Dear editor," wrote another reader. "I married a fine girl, a *shiksa*, on the understanding that each of us keeps his religion. But I realize that my wife is unhappy about my friends. I don't want to convert." The answer: "There are many cases like this. Perhaps you should move to a Jewish neighborhood."

"Dear editor," a worried reader wrote. "I was a member of the Bund in Bialystok, a revolutionary aiming to tear down the regime. I came to America to avoid going into the army in the war against Japan. I hear there was a pogrom in Bialystok. Should I return to Russia and help those whom I had urged to oppose the regime - or bring my parents and sister here?"

Answer: "Since you are here, stay here."

A desperate young man of 25 wrote to announce that he would end his life on his next birthday because he was lonely and had no strength to work. The editor printed the message "in the hope that some readers who know the man [might] save him. A doctor's advice might help," he added.

A desperate wife appealed to the editor on a major issue. She had saved a few hundred dollars by hard work but her husband's salary was very low. "Now he wants to leave all and go to Palestine where he plans to buy a citrus grove. I don't want to leave America," the wife complained.

"Ask at the American Committee for Palestine whether your husband is fit to [work in] agriculture," the editor advised. "But as his wife does not want to leave, he must be persuaded to be considerate and not break up the family."

Ten Commandments of photography (Part 1)

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

I am the camera who brought thee out of the age of drawing, out of the atelier of painting. Imagine a world without the camera. It's almost as difficult as imagining a world without the Ten Commandments and the far-flung influence they have had on life on this planet. The camera, the handy image-making box, has entered virtually all known spheres of practical and intellectual life, and is the source of livelihood for literally millions of people around the globe.

Without the advances of photography as a vital tool, virtually all branches of science and technology would have remained frozen in the mid-19th century. The X-ray, which owes a substantial debt to photographic development, is indispensable to medical practice and research. Our daily security, including everything from police mug shots and surveillance cameras to the latest advances in spy satellites and battlefield infrared techniques, relies heavily on the principles of photography.

The vast entertainment, television, sports, advertising and news industries could not function without still, video and cinematic cameras. Education spends millions on illustrated books, slides and films. And, of course, the camera (what the 19th century called "mirror with a memory") allows us to make countless pictures of our loved ones throughout their lives.

2. Thou shalt make thee images, any manner of likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the water under the earth.

Paul Wornball, director of the Photographers Gallery in London, says, "The one photograph that has altered



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our perception of the world more than any other was the 1972 NASA color photograph of the earth taken on a trip to the moon. You can see Africa. You can see the clouds, you can see the sea. There is no demarcation of marks drawn on this planet.

"It was the first photograph ever taken where we could see the whole earth from outer space. We were looking back, and the earth looked very fragile. This image was partly responsible for creating the environmental movement,

the green movement, because this image created a totally different vision of what the earth's future might be."

3. Thou shalt not take pictures in vain.

"A good photograph is one that communicates a fact, touches the heart and leaves the viewer a changed person for having seen it. It is, in a word, effective," says fashion and portrait photographer Irving Penn. Notice that Penn says a "good" not a great photograph. Good photos are taken every day. Great pictures come along perhaps only once

in a lifetime.

A good photograph can be just as well taken by an amateur as by a professional. By consciously willing the photograph to be good each and every time you press the shutter release, you are not taking a picture in vain. Willing a picture to be good means you are thinking about what you are doing, concentrating on the subject, working towards improving the quality of results. Taking a picture with anything less than a strong determination for a better picture is a recipe for disappointment when your work comes back from the shop.

4. Remember the camera, to keep it around.

From the moment George Eastman (1854-1932), builder of the first roll-film camera, said, "You press the button, we do the rest," the ubiquitous Kodak became an inseparable part of our lives. By 1896 Eastman's company had sold 100,000 "pocket" cameras and was selling 400 miles of film a month. The energetic Eastman, descendant of a Massachusetts Puritan family, spread the gospel of the camera. Anyone with a loaded camera at hand could take pictures. If you've ever said to yourself, "If only I had had a camera with me," you are a perfect candidate for serious photography.

Why not give yourself the chance to see what you can do? Take a camera along. Your camera will reward you with a great hobby.

Incidentally, after achieving his dream of photography for the masses, Eastman committed suicide, leaving the message, "My work is done, why wait?"

(With thanks and apologies to the Author of the original Ten Commandments. Part II to follow in two weeks' time.)

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Puckett announces retirement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Kirby Puckett retired from baseball Friday after an operation revealed irreversible damage to his retina.

The 10-time all-star has been sidelined since the start of the season because of glaucoma in his right eye.

With his ever present smile, the roly-poly Puckett was one of the most friendly and popular players in baseball during an era of sometimes snarling stars. He retires with a .318 average in 12 seasons, 207 homers and 1,085 RBIs.

"The only regret I have about this game is that I know I could have done so much better if I could have played," Puckett said during a news conference, appearing with a bandaged right eye.

"The world is not over now," he said, thanking his wife, Tonya, who was seated next to him.

He told teammates gathered at the news conference in the Metrodome that he loved them and would miss them.

"This is the last time you're going to see Kirby Puckett in a Minnesota Twins uniform," he said. "I loved the game. I thought I played the game with some respect."

Puckett, who led the Twins to World Series titles in 1987 and 1991, hit 20 or more homers six times, had five seasons with 200 or more hits and three seasons with 100 or more RBIs.

His best year was 1988, when he hit 356 with 24 homers and 121 RBIs. The following season, he won his only batting title with a .339 average.

He won the RBIs title in 1994 with 112 and led or tied for the AL lead in hits four times. He was honored with six Gold Gloves and six Silver Slugger awards, and was the Most Valuable Player of the 1993 All-Star game.

"Kirby Puckett's going to be all right," he said. "And I'm going to have fun and have a smile on my face."

Puckett said he plans to pull his World Series rings out of storage and start wearing them now.

Cards belt seven homers to rout Cubs, 13-3

CHICAGO (AP) - Gary Gaetti and Ron Gant each hit two of St. Louis' seven home runs, and the Cardinals routed the Chicago Cubs 13-3 for their eighth win in 11 games Friday.

Brian Jordan, John Mabry and Ray Lankford also homered for the St. Louis, which sent Steve Trachsel (7-6) to his second straight loss. The seven homers tied a Cardinals record set on May 7, 1940, against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Andy Benes (7-8), who lost seven consecutive starts in April and May, won his fourth straight decision. He allowed three runs and nine hits in eight innings and is 6-1 in 10 starts since May 19.

Braves 6, Marlins 3

Chipper Jones hit a two-run homer during Atlanta's three-run seventh inning as the host Braves rallied from a two-run deficit.

The Braves trailed 3-1 in the seventh before rallying against All-Star Al Leiter (9-8), who walked Jeff Blauser and Mike Mordecai. A groundout moved Blauser to third where he scored on Mark Lemke's sacrifice fly.

Jones followed with a towering two-run shot over the left-field wall, his 18th homer, giving the Braves a 4-3 lead.

Blauser added a two-run single in the eighth.

Tom Glavine (10-5), replacing scheduled starter Greg Maddux, won for the third time in four decisions. Maddux was scratched because of a cracked toenail on his right foot.

Phillies 5, Expos 3

Terry Mulholland beat Montreal again with a complete game and improved to 12-2 lifetime in 18 appearances against the Expos as Philadelphia won for the fifth time in six games.

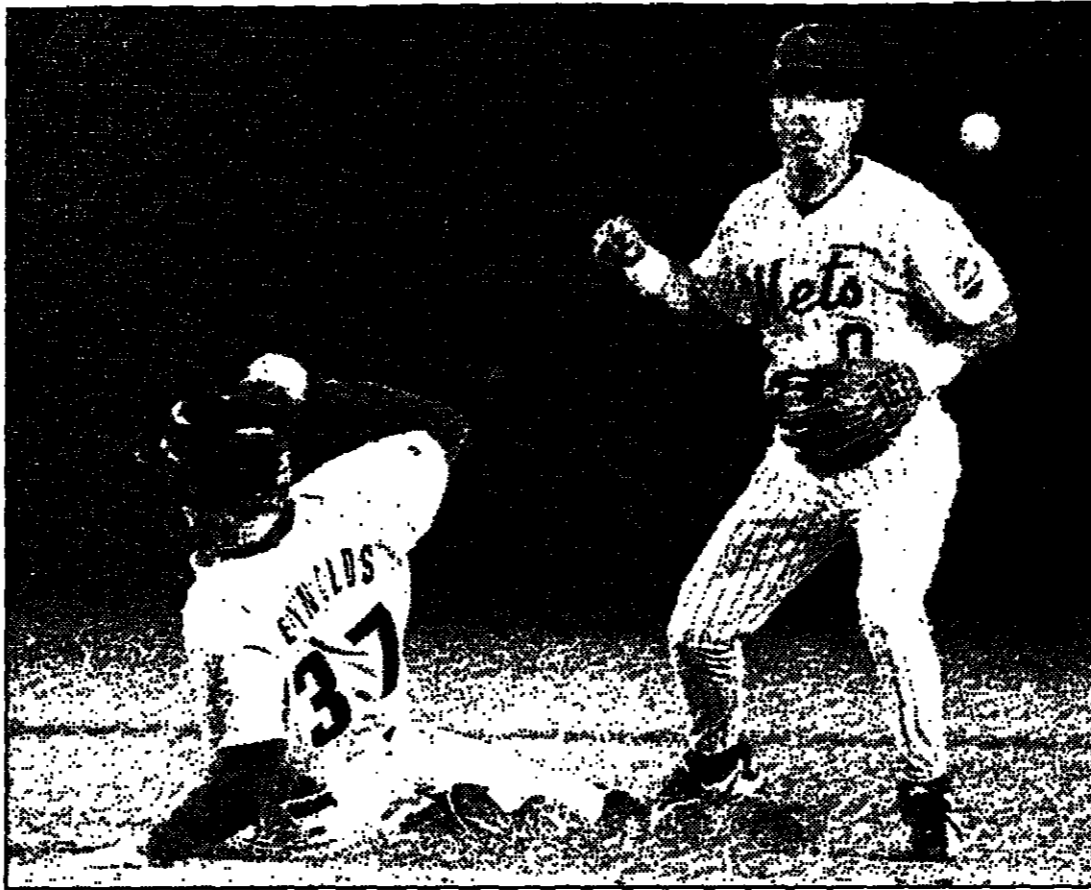
Mulholland (7-6), 3-0 this season against Montreal, allowed nine hits and three runs in pitching his second complete game this season, both against the Expos. He struck out six and walked none.

Todd Zeile, 4-for-20 with four homers and seven RBIs this season at Olympic Stadium, hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Pedro Martinez (7-4).

Martinez worked four innings, his shortest outing in 19 starts, allowing five runs - four earned - and seven hits.

Reds 5, Pirates 2

Mark Portugal won his fifth consecutive start, and Eddie Taubensee and



FIELD FATIGUE - New York Mets' shortstop Rey Ordonez has trouble holding on to the ball after forcing out Houston's Shane Reynolds at second. (Reuters)

Reggie Sanders homered as Cincinnati snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Reds scored three runs in the first inning off Danny Darwin (7-9) and held on to snap the Pirates' five-game winning streak at Riverfront Stadium.

Portugal (6-5) gave up six hits over eight innings to remain unbeaten since June 14. Jeff Brantley, making his first appearance since back spasms sidelined him last weekend, got three outs for his 23rd save.

Astros 3, Mets 1

Shane Reynolds beat host New York for the third time this season and Derrick May hit a two-run single in the first inning as Houston snapped a three-game losing streak and remained percentage points behind first-place St. Louis in the NL Central.

Reynolds (11-5), who won his third straight start, scattered seven hits, struck out five and allowed one walk in eight-plus innings. In 23 1/3 innings against the Mets, he has a 1.93 ERA.

Rookie Billy Wagner struck out two of three batters in the ninth for his third save.

Bobby Jones (8-6), who was 3-0 in

six previous career starts against the Astros, allowed three runs and six hits in three innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Red Sox 11, Tigers 3

Mo Vaughn hit a grand slam and Reggie Jefferson had four RBIs as visiting Boston won its third straight.

Tom Gordon (7-4) gave up three runs and six hits with 10 strikeouts in seven innings. The right-hander again received excellent run support. The Red Sox have averaged more than seven runs in Gordon's 19 starts.

Omar Olivares (4-6) lasted just two innings and lost his third straight start. He gave up seven runs and five hits, including Vaughn's slam in the second inning, with three walks.

Jefferson is batting .615 (16-for-26) with six homers and 16 RBIs - seven in the last two nights - against Detroit this year.

Brewers 12, Blue Jays 5

Ben McDonald won his sixth straight decision and Pat Listach drove in a career-high four runs.

McDonald (10-3) allowed two runs and three hits over six innings in snapping a five-game losing streak to the visiting Blue Jays, whom he hadn't beaten since August 12, 1992.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:

St. Louis 13, Chicago 3

Philadelphia 5, Montreal 3

Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2

Houston 3, New York 1

Atlanta 6, Florida 3

Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 1

Colorado 13, San Diego 12

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 3

Chicago 6, St. Louis 0

New York 8, Houston 2

Philadelphia 5, Montreal 2

Florida 3, Atlanta 5

Colorado 5, San Diego 5 (10)

Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 3

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:

New York at Baltimore (opt., rain)

Boston 11, Detroit 3

Milwaukee 12, Toronto 5

Chicago 7, Kansas City 6

Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5

Texas 8, Oakland 4 (10)

Seattle 7, California 6 (10)

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Oakland 8, Texas 3

Boston 11, Detroit 4

Kansas City 3, Chicago 2

New York 4, Baltimore 2

Toronto 6, Milwaukee 3

Cleveland 11, Minnesota 7

Seattle 5, California 4 (12)

AL LEADERS

BATTING - Knoblauch, Minnesota, .385; RAlomar, Baltimore, .357; FThomas, Chicago, .349; Seitzer, Milwaukee, .347; EMarinez, Seattle, .348; MVAughn, Boston, .344; ARodriguez, Seattle, .339; Cirillo, Milwaukee, .339.

RUNS - EMarinez, Seattle, 82; Phillips, Chicago, 73; ARodriguez, Seattle, 70; Belle, Cleveland, 70; RAlomar, Baltimore, 70; MVAughn, Boston, 68; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 68.

RBI - FThomas, Chicago, 85; MVAughn, Boston, 82; Belle, Cleveland, 78; EMarinez, Seattle, 79; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 77; GVAughn, Milwaukee, 76; Buhner, Seattle, 75.

HITS - MVAughn, Boston, 120; Moller, Minnesota, 118; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 116; FThomas, Chicago, 116; RAlomar, Baltimore, 116; Lofton, Cleveland, 115; ARodriguez, Texas, 112.

DOUBLES - EMarinez, Seattle, 43; ARodriguez, Seattle, 31; IRodriguez, Texas, 29; Glimis, Oakland, 29; Cordova, Minnesota, 24; Greer, Texas, 23; ACorza, Toronto, 23; JVanSledright, Boston, 23; RAlomar, Baltimore, 23; Carter, Toronto, 22.

TRIPLES - Knoblauch, Minnesota, 9; Vira, Milwaukee, 6; JVaStentin, Milwaukee, 6; Gullen, Chicago, 5; Carter, Toronto, 5; Cirillo, Milwaukee, 4; Prida, Detroit, 4; Thome, Cleveland, 4; Cora, Seattle, 4.

HOME RUNS - ByAnderson, Baltimore, 30; Belle, Cleveland, 29; McDonald, Oakland, 29; MVAughn, Boston, 27; Carrocco, Boston, 27; GVAughn, Milwaukee, 24; Sprague, Toronto, 23; FThomas, Chicago, 23; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 23; Buhner, Seattle, 22.

STOLEN BASES - Lofton, Cleveland, 42; TGoodwin, Kansas City, 38; Vizquel, Cleveland, 20; Nixon, Toronto, 21; Llesach, Milwaukee, 18; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 17; Damon, Kansas City, 15; McLanore, Texas, 15.

PITCHING (11 Decisions) - Pavik, Texas, 11-2, 8.46, 4.82; Nagy, Cleveland, 11-2, 8.48, 3.59; Swale, Seattle, 9-2, 8.14, 3.78; Pettis, New York, 13-4, 7.65, 3.81; Bozile, California, 9-3, 7.50, 3.96; McDonnell, Milwaukee, 9-3, 7.50, 3.96; Hitchcock, Seattle, 8-3, 7.27, 4.76.

STRIKEOUTS - Clemens, Boston, 144; Finley, California, 123; AFernandez, Chicago, 116; Mussina, Baltimore, 113; GZmar, Toronto, 110; Appier, Kansas City, 109; Kuhl, Texas, 102.

SAVES - Wetteland, New York, 30; RRemandez, Chicago, 27; Mesa, Cleveland, 24; Perchal, California, 22; Henneman, Texas, 21; Montgomery, Kansas City, 18; PMyers, Baltimore, 18.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| New York | 48 | 32 | .600 | - |
| Baltimore | 48 | 30 | .615 | 2 |
| Toronto | 39 | 50 | .438 | 15.5 |
| Boston | 38 | 49 | .437 | 15.5 |
| Detroit | 27 | 59 | .309 | 28 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| Cleveland | 44 | 35 | .557 | - |
| Chicago | 51 | 38 | .573 | 3 |
| Milwaukee | 44 | 44 | .500 | 8.5 |
| Minnesota | 41 | 47 | .463 | 12.5 |
| Kansas City | 39 | 51 | .433 | 15.5 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Texas | 52 | 37 | .584 | - |
| Seattle | 48 | 39 | .552 | 3 |
| Oakland | 44 | 48 | .479 | 8.5 |
| California | 43 | 47 | .478 | 8.5 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| Atlanta | 49 | 34 | .590 | - |
| Montreal | 49 | 40 | .551 | 6 |
| New York | 42 | 47 | .472 | 13 |
| Florida | 41 | 48 | .458 | 14 |
| Philadelphia | 38 | 49 | .434 | 15.5 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| St. Louis | 47 | 42 | .526 | - |
| Houston | 49 | 43 | .527 | - |
| Cincinnati | 40 | 44 | .476 | 4.5 |
| Chicago | 42 | 48 | .467 | 5 |
| Pittsburgh | 40 | 49 | .446 | 7 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Los Angeles | 49 | 42 | .538 | - |
| San Diego | 48 | 45 | .517 | 1 |
| Colorado | 41 | 50 | .450 | 8.5 |
| San Francisco | 38 | 50 | .432 | 8.5 |

All is not forgiven for 'National Pastime'

COMMENT

JIM LITKE

SOME people just are not coming back to baseball.

Oh, some people are coming back - in some places. Colorado, Cleveland, Baltimore. Places like that.

Places with new ballparks. Places that might get new ballparks. Quirky places. Places no longer ruled by dictators named Marge. Places with ivy on the walls. And the old standby: Places with the feel of a real Series contender.

But that's about it.

A look at recent attendance figures shows baseball drawing an average crowd of 26,074. That's 5 percent more people this year than last. But it's 15% less than two years ago, when the players and owners stopped the actual games, took the bats and balls and liberally applied them to each other's heads.

The world is full of all kinds of people. Some will see this particular glass as one-third full; others as two-thirds empty. The guys in charge would see the 5% surge and they'd be right. The cynics would see the 15% who haven't come back and they'd be right, too. And as soon as either one started talking about it, the rest of us would go see if anything else was on TV. That's another strike baseball has against it: It requires an attention span.

It used to be most summers that if you took the game's pulse on the Fourth of July, you got a strong beat. Summer is sizzling by then, everywhere. Kids are out of school, everywhere - even in New York. Evenings are a great time to be outdoors. And this summer, baseball has a little more going for it than most of the recent ones.

Nobody is talking labor. The owners and players put some distance between them. Or at least quit fighting in public. TV ratings are holding their own, even compared to pre-strike levels two years ago. ESPN has a funny string of commercials going. The Fox network bought in. Just last week, Sports Illustrated finally ran out of Michael Jordan pictures to run on the cover and put a baseball player, Alex Rodriguez, on it instead. With this headline: "Baseball Heats Up."

Still, it better heat up fast. In five days, the Olympics begin in Atlanta, and baseball's grip on the remote, already flimsy, will be almost non-existent during prime time. And that's not the only thing

The mother of Israeli fencers

33-year-old Lydia Hatoel is ready to cross swords in Atlanta



HEATHER CHAIT

"FIRST of all, I'm a mother," says Lydia Hatoel Zuckerman.

This may sound familiar coming from a working woman but Hatoel is that, and more.

As Israel's leading fencer, now in Atlanta for her third Olympic Games, she is the success behind the first Israeli women's fencing team in the Olympics besides being the only mother in the delegation.

Hatoel did not exactly choose a sports life. She was thrust into it.

Born in Morocco 33 years ago, Hatoel's family came to Israel when she was three months old and settled in Acre. Her father was a boxer, her brother Yitzhak was a champion fencer, runner-up at the world championships, and Haim, another brother, is both her individual coach and the national team coach.

As a youngster, the agile Lydia was involved in acrobatics but from the age of eight, she had already chosen fencing as her sport.

This year she clinched her 16th national championship title and also finished eighth in the World Cup Super A series of tournaments held in Europe.

Her current world ranking is 11, her highest ever and her chances for Atlanta, which will be her last Olympics, look promising.

Hatoel's Olympic career spans 16 years. In 1980 Israel joined the western countries in a boycott of the Moscow Games and Lydia was forced to stay home. Her first performance was in Los Angeles in 1984 where she ended in 26th place. Seoul was a bitter disappointment for her as the fencing event fell on Yom Kippur and



EN GARDE - Israeli fencer Lydia Hatoel is more than ready for her final Olympic performance.

Hatoel was forced to forfeit her appearance. In Barcelona, she ended in 23rd place.

How does the petite, charming Hatoel rate her chances this time? "I hope to do better," she says. "Realistic expectations are a place in the final 16 but I hope for more. I dream of more."

The toughest competition is likely to be provided by Italy, Germany and Romania.

When asked if she will continue in the sport after Atlanta, Hatoel says wisely, "I don't know if I will enter tournaments, but I'll always be involved."

Joining alongside Hatoel in the saber class group event will be Ayelet Ohayon '22, Liliach Pariski '23, and Ira Slavovskiy '24).

all from the Hatoel club in Acre.

The heart of fencing in Israel is, thanks to the Hatoels, thriving in Acre but Lydia is not overly optimistic about the sport's future. "There are not enough clubs or fencers and although we have improved and have talented younger athletes, there is not enough encouragement."

Conditions for training are also vastly sub-standard, according to her. "The clubs are dirty and unsuitable. Better conditions would definitely lead to more results. There has to be greater investment in the sport."

Although Hatoel preferred to train in Israel to be near her son, she is painfully aware of the facilities offered at overseas clubs. "The differences are enormous. There the sport is treated as the only thing in life."

Hatoel explains how, at the relatively old age of 33, she is enjoying such success. "I changed my lifestyle, freeing my time for fencing. And these are the results."

Until this year, Hatoel was working as a replacement physical exercise teacher, co-managing her clothing business in Haifa, exercising twice a day and being mother to 34-month-old Idan.

Finding time for her training schedule which includes physical fitness in the morning and fighting in the afternoon, besides jogging, swimming and weightlifting, was indeed an Olympian feat.

Hatoel allocates much of the credit to her family.

Her husband, Robert, a mechanical engineer, and both their parents were a great source of support. "Being an athlete in Israel is very difficult if you don't have a strong family framework or a lot of money," comments Hatoel.

As for her own financial well-being, Hatoel is full of praise for Jeunesse Cosmetics, her sponsor. The Elite Sport Unit was also involved, giving a monthly stipend to the Olympic athletes.

Hatoel lists mobility, power, determination and a firm belief in one's ability as the secrets for fencing success.

In fact, exactly her characteristics.

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Boxing match becomes free-for-all at the Garden

NEW YORK (AP) — Boxing's latest black eye came courtesy of a wild post-fight brawl ignited by heavyweight Riddick Bowe's huge entourage, a nationally televised fistfight that could block the New York City native from ever returning to Madison Square Garden.

The Thursday night melee, which started in the ring and spread into the stands, resulted in 16 arrests, 22 injuries and yet another low blow for the beleaguered fight game. The brawl raged for more than 30 minutes before more than 250 police officers and Garden security personnel managed to restore order.

"It was a very ugly night," said Bowe's manager, Rock Newman. "I apologize ... for the pain, grief, anguish and embarrassment it has caused all of us."

Two of the suspects in custody and a third at large were members of Bowe's entourage — and all three had criminal records, said police commissioner Howard Safir. The trio, including a man who sprinted across the ring to club Bowe's opponent, Andrew Golota, with a walkie-talkie, were identified from videotape of the fight, he said.

Newman himself could also face criminal charges, Safir said. Newman entered the ring shouting and pointing at Golota — a gesture that some took as a call for others to follow. Newman said Friday that was not true.

"I did not participate in it or encourage in any way people to conduct themselves the way they did last night," said Newman,

whose past post-fight conduct belies his claim.

MSG president Dave Checketts vowed that anyone convicted in connection with the brawl would be banned from the Garden for life. If that included Newman and his fighters, Checketts said, "So be it."

The Garden, which re-entered the fight business last year after staging fights only sporadically since 1982, will continue to stage boxing, Checketts said. The next card at the arena, famous as the site of the 1971 Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier bout, is scheduled for August 13.

At this fight, Bowe was being battered by the unheralded Golota, a Polish fighter who appeared on the way to a major upset. The brawl started after Golota was disqualified in the seventh round for repeatedly landing low blows.

A group of 20 people affiliated with the Bowe camp — some in his corner, others seated behind it — then flooded the ring, witnesses said.

"There was a wave of humanity," said ring announcer Michael Buffer. "I didn't even try to get in the ring. There was no security ringside."

The initial group of brawlers apparently received credentials or tickets from the Bowe camp.

"This was precipitated by people inside one fight camp," said MSG vice president John Cirillo.

Fighting then spread into the crowd, with scores of Golota supporters waving Polish flags and squaring off with Bowe backers.



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE — Security guards try to restrain boxer Andrew Golota after a melee erupted in the ring when Golota was disqualified during his match against Riddick Bowe. (AP)

Safir said there was no indication that the fight was racially motivated.

Garden officials did not call for police until at least five minutes after the fighting broke out. As a national television audience watched on HBO, the combat raged on while announcer Jim Lampley scrambled from ringside to safety.

Lampley went from play-by-

play man to concerned parent, wondering on the air if his 16-year-old daughter, Brooke, was safe amid the melee. The teen, as well as the rest of HBO's crew, escaped injury, said HBO spokesman Ray Stallone.

There were some terrifying tableaux amid the waves of violence: A man in his wheelchair getting knocked to the ground. Angry men lifting and tossing

chairs across the Garden. Lou Duva, Golota's 74-year-old trainer, flat on his back with chest pains, getting kicked by an unidentified attacker.

"I was half-screaming and half-saying, 'Get him out of there!'" Duva's daughter, Denise, said Friday.

Denise Duva, echoing Garden officials, said the Bowe camp clearly started the fracas.

NBA, player's union sign labor peace agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA and the players' union finally made labor peace, signing a collective bargaining agreement that opened the richest free-agent market in league history.

The six-year deal, which extends through the 2000-2001 season, was signed at a New York law office Thursday just a few minutes before a 10-day moratorium on signings, trades and negotiations was to expire.

Minutes later, agents and general managers were on the phones, talking business legally for the first time since June 30.

Among the players who can now negotiate with any club they choose are Shaquille O'Neal, Reggie Miller, Juwan Howard,

Dennis Rodman and Gary Payton.

The Los Angeles Lakers and Charlotte Hornets didn't wait long. The Lakers sent Vlade Divac to Charlotte for the rights to high school phenom Kobe Bryant, the 13th pick in last month's draft.

By trading Divac's \$8.5 million salary for the next two years, the Lakers freed money for a lucrative offer in hopes of luring O'Neal from Orlando.

In another expected move, Milwaukee acquired center Andrew Lang from Minnesota for a first-round draft pick.

Lawyers from the league and the union reviewed about 300 pages of documents Thursday before signing them to end a year-long drama that included two lock-

outs, two ratification votes, two moratoriums and several 11th-hour compromises.

"The process has been a difficult one," said Jeffrey Mishkin, the NBA's chief legal officer. "But I think we now have an agreement that will provide a constructive framework for the long-term relationship between the NBA and its players."

"We're very happy with the deal," said Jeffrey Kessler, the lead negotiator for the union. "It's fair to the players, makes the players' association much stronger and should lead to a renaissance of the union."

The expiration of the moratorium ended a ten-and-a-half day period in which teams were forbidden from talking to their own free agents and the players' agents.

The moratorium on signings was supposed to expire at noon last Tuesday, but it was extended 53 hours after a brief lockout was imposed last Monday when the league and union found themselves at odds over one last issue — the dispersal of \$50 million in television revenue.

It ended up being the last in a long line of disputes that kept the labor agreement from being completed for more than a year. Last summer, a three-month lockout ended when the players voted to ratify a modified labor deal rather than decertify the union.

The agreement remained unsigned, however, while the two sides to argued over details.

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Jordan signs \$25m. deal with Bulls

Contract is biggest ever for one season

CHICAGO (Reuter) — Michael Jordan's contract negotiations went so quickly he had time to get to the golf course.

Jordan, the superstar guard of the NBA champion Chicago Bulls, on Friday agreed to a one-year contract worth a reported \$25 million, the biggest one-season deal in team sports history.

He had just completed an eight-year, \$24 million deal and was a free agent for the first time in his career.

Telephone discussions among Jordan, representatives David Falk and Curtis Polk and Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf lasted just an hour before the landmark deal was consummated. Jordan spent the rest of the afternoon at a golf tournament.

Jordan said he expected to stay in Chicago all along.

"For the most part, every time I've had conversations with Jerry, we were very positive about it," Jordan said.

"So it didn't leave me any thought to think elsewhere or think differently. I think my agent may have considered other things because that's his job, he has to research and see what the options may be. But me, I always thought I would be in Chicago."

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was signed with the Players Association, lifting a moratorium on player transactions.

"We are delighted that the discussions with Michael and his representatives, David Falk and Curtis Polk, were able to be concluded rapidly," said Reinsdorf. "Once we were able to speak, the total elapsed time of our phone calls was less than one hour."

Jordan averaged 30.4 points in 82 games to win his record eighth scoring title and led the Bulls to a record 72 wins this past season.

"This contract is a testimony to Michael's unique contribution to the Chicago Bulls franchise, the United Center and the city of Chicago," said Falk. "The time frame in which it was finalized reflects the special relationship Michael has developed with Jerry Reinsdorf over the past 11 years."

Jordan and Bulls forward Dennis Rodman became eligible for free agency when the moratorium was lifted. Jordan, Rodman and coach Phil Jackson, whose contract also expired, were the Big Three facing the Bulls in off-season negotiations. Now only Rodman remains.

Jordan had hinted strongly he would not return if Jackson was not re-signed. After Jackson signed a one-year contract on June 20, Jordan said that he also would probably sign just a one-year deal.

Reinsdorf confirmed that Jordan preferred a one-year contract.

"Michael asked for a one-year contract because he never wants to play if he is unable to meet his own high standards," said Reinsdorf.

"This way, Michael and the Bulls will be able to discuss what is appropriate for each subsequent season. Michael's desire for a one-year contract is refreshing in this era where athletes often seek to be paid beyond their productive years."

Lancashire wins B&H final

LONDON (Reuter) — Lancashire, the club with the best English cricket one-day record of modern times, fittingly won yesterday's 25th anniversary Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's.

A typically professional performance brought them victory by 31 runs against Northamptonshire in a match which never reached the heights demanded when such occasions are blessed by sunshine and a full house of 28,000.

Neil Fairbrother's bustling 63, Ian Austin's double strike with the new ball and Mike Atherton's solid 48 all contributed to Lancashire's 12th one-day trophy.

Four of them have been Benson and Hedges triumphs and Lancashire skipper Mike Watkinson has been involved in all of them alongside top scorer Fairbrother.

Northants under-achieved as clearly as Lancashire won reward for a display that was workmanlike rather than inspired.

Medium-pace Austin cleaned up the tail to finish with figures of four for 21, but it was his opening burst of 7-2-7-2 which set Northants back on their heels.

Austin claimed the wickets of top order hitter David Capel for nought and opener Alan Fordham for four, giving Lancashire the belief that their total of 245 for nine could be useful.

Capel's failure, in particular, to a thin-edged drive at an outswinger, put enormous pres-

sure on Northants captain Rob Bailey to produce a decisive innings.

Bailey almost provided it, reaching 46 in a calm manner and putting on 87 with Richard Montgomerie for the third wicket.

Montgomerie scored 42 but, crucially, both fell in the vital mid-innings period, which, in turn, left Kevin Curran and semi-final hero Tim Walton with too much to do.

Lancashire
 M Atherton c Bailey b Embury 48
 M Watkinson c Embury b Taylor 17
 I Austin run out 48
 J Capel c Embury b Taylor 24
 N Fairbrother b Capel 28
 G Lloyd Taylor 28
 G Lloyd Taylor 11
 L Austin c and b Embury 14
 G Yates c Fairbrother b Capel 9
 S Chopra not out 9
 P Martin not out 0
 Extras (R-10 W-12 NB-2) 248
 Total for nine wickets, innings closed 245
 Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-32 3-105 4-131 5-180 6-203 7-236 8-238 9-245
 Bowling: Austin 10-2-35-1, Taylor 9-0-55-2, Curran 7-0-48-0, Capel 8-1-37-2, Fairbrother 6-0-31-1, Embury 10-1-38-1

Northamptonshire
 D Capel c Hogg b Austin 0
 A Fordham b Austin 4
 R Bailey c Hogg b Chopra 46
 R Montgomerie c Hogg b Yates 42
 K Curran c Crawley b Chopra 35
 R Warren c Crawley b Watkinson 11
 T Walton at Hogg b Watkinson 28
 A Fairbrother b Austin 8
 J Embury b Austin 5
 C Ambrose run out 10
 L Taylor not out 9
 Extras (R-10 W-12 NB-2) 24
 Total 214
 Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-10 3-37 4-111 5-132 6-184 7-186 8-194 9-214
 Bowling: Austin 9.3-2-21-4, Martin 9-2-32-0, Chopra 10-1-51-2, Watkinson 10-0-68-2, Yates 10-0-34-1

Result: Lancashire won by 31 runs

England thrown out of Five Nations

LONDON (Reuter) — England is being thrown out of the Five Nations rugby union championship.

After the English union's (RFU) annual meeting on Friday, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, supported by France, yesterday announced plans beginning with the 1996-97 championship and extending England.

Tom Kiernan, Five Nations committee chairman, said in a statement: "The key points of the new championship will be that it will be played on a home and away basis between January and May in each season.

"The signed agreement is in place for the next 10 years. Unless circumstances change in the near future, Ireland, Scotland and Wales will not play England."

England's position in the Five Nations has been in doubt since the RFU's decision to go it alone and to sell future rights at Twickenham to Sky TV for £87.5 million.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Morris avoids jail
 Bam Morris, the leading member of the Super Bowl, was fined \$7,000 for possessing marijuana but avoided jail time.

The former Pittsburgh Steelers running back had faced up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Instead, he was given six years deferred adjudication, meaning the drug charges could eventually be removed from his record.

State District Judge William B. Lofton also sentenced Morris to 200 hours of community service.

Packers re-sign Jackson
 The Green Bay Packers have re-signed five-time Pro Bowl tight end Keith Jackson to a two-year contract, the team announced.

The 31-year-old Jackson, who became an unrestricted free agent following the 1995 season, shined in the playoffs for the Packers, catching 12 passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns in two games.

He had four catches for 101 yards and a touchdown in Green Bay's stunning 27-17 divisional playoff win at San Francisco January 6.

Walker back with Cowboys
 The Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys signed veteran running back Herschel Walker, resuming his career and returning him to the team where he began in the NFL 10 years ago.

Walker, 34, was waived by the New York Giants last month and it appeared his days in the NFL might be over, but the Cowboys' flamboyant owner Jerry Jones said he would strengthen the team.

"People who understand and know his skills and versatility know he will be an invaluable addition to the mix-up of this particular football team," Jones told reporters.

Barkley sued for bar fight
 A New York man sued Charles Barkley on Friday, seeking \$50,000 in damages from the NBA player and the bar where they got into a fight.

Jeb Tyler, 23, from Spencerport, New York, alleges in a civil suit that Barkley punched him several times in the face and head at a Cleveland dance bar early last Sunday.

Barkley told police that Tyler made a lewd comment to a woman who was with Barkley and fellow Dream Team player Reggie Miller, and that Tyler attacked him.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Results Friday and yesterday in Australian Football League: Carlton 19.17 (131) def. Adelaide 9.10 (64); Collingwood 22.12 (144) def. North Melbourne 12.11 (83); Hawthorn 11.8 (74) def. Geelong 10.12 (73); Sydney Swans 14.12 (96) def. St. Kilda 11.13 (79); West Coast Eagles 20.11 (131) def. Fitzroy 9.9 (63).

BRITISH GRAND PRIX — Britain's Damon Hill claimed the pole for today's British Grand Prix, setting himself up on his home turf for a run at his seventh Formula One victory this season and his second in this race.

The 35-year-old Hill — leading the drivers' championship this season — turned a time of 1 minute 35.975 seconds yesterday with an average speed of 210.177 kph to nudge out Williams Renault teammate Jacques Villeneuve in 1:27.070.

Denmark's Riis retains overall Tour lead

SUPERBESSE-SANCY, France (AP) — Denmark's Bjarne Riis fended off the most-vicious attacks to his yellow jersey in yesterday's 13th stage of the Tour de France since taking the overall lead 5 days ago.

Denmark's Rolf Sorensen won the 177-kilometer stage from Le Puy en Velay to SuperBesse-Sancy while Riis crossed the finish line with five-time defending champion Miguel Indurain 23 seconds back.

"There were so many attacks today, but I was strong enough to hold them off," said Riis, whose Telekom team controlled the stage until the final climb when a string of challengers made charges.

Indurain was poised to make an attack when his Banesto team paced the front of the main group of riders with 20 kilometers to go.

Indurain, who remains in 8th place at 4 minutes, 38 seconds back, had a flat and the team had to pull back while Indurain's brother and teammate, Prudencio, gave him his bike.

Indurain and Riis battled over three short, but steep climbs, with Riis staying on Indurain's tire to the finish at SuperBesse-Sancy, a ski resort along the flanks of an extinct volcano.

Swiss rider Tony Rominger and Russian Yevgeny Berzin both lost time in the quick-paced stage through France's Massif Central, with Rominger falling from third to fourth at 1 minute, 21 seconds, and Berzin falling from second to third 1:08 back.

That put Abraham Olano, who won the world road race title last year, in second at 56 seconds behind.

Sorensen, 31, attacked in the final 10 kilometers, pulled ahead when the main pack of riders caught a 15-man break that gapped the leaders by up to five minutes midway through the stage.

The 21-stage, 3,900-kilometer Tour de France continues today with 186.5 kilometers from Besse to Tulle in another rolling stage through France's Massif Central.

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Dow drops 10 points Stock fall continues

WALL STREET REPORT WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

NEW YORK (AP) - Lower interest rates and some bargain hunting helped steady the stock market Friday as most indexes reversed course to avert a continuation of Thursday's frightening slide.

But growing pessimism about corporate earnings and inflation prevented a big rebound for the second time this week. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 9.98 to 5,510.56, having recovered from a midday slide that threatened to give the blue-chip average its third loss of more than 50 points in six sessions.

Some broad indexes rose Friday, but the beleaguered Nasdaq market failed to erase all of the day's losses as investors grew less certain about where technology and speculative shares might bottom out in a decline that's dragged on longer than a month.

Correction, bear or bull? WALL STREET WEEK NEW YORK (AP) - Perusing a graph of the Dow Jones industrial average that only plots year-end prices, you might forget that there was a stock market crash in October 1987. Within 2 1/2 months, most of the damage was undone.

Fortunately, stock market crashes can still be counted on one hand, bear markets have been sandwiched between bull markets and those steep declines euphemistically dubbed corrections have seldom been as abrupt and long-lasting as Wall Street's rallies.

But such long-term prosperity breeds unfamiliarity with market trauma. So when the Dow plunges as sharply as it has in recent sessions, analysts invariably start debating whether it's a little indigestion or a turning point in the market's fortunes.

In reality, it may be more an argument over nomenclature than substance. For some experts, a market decline as small as 3 percent can be a correction, while for others, a correction doesn't become a bear market until there's a 15 or 20 percent slide.

The market's recent stumbles have already qualified as a correction by some measures. The Dow is off 4.6 percent since it set a record at 5,778 on May 20, and the Standard and Poor's list of 500 large companies is down 4.8 percent since that index set a new high on May 24.

If you insist on a 5 percent cutoff, then consider that the Dow was off as much as 5.3 percent before rebounding into Thursday's close.

LONDON (Reuters) - A cautious stock market ended lower but with losses cut as Wall Street showed a relatively steadier tone after a sharp drop on Thursday. Thursday's 83-point, earnings-related shake-out on the Dow jangled nerves, prompting fears of a possible further sharp correction.

Analysts pointed out that London's medium term performance relative to New York should provide a cushion against any significant Dow fall. The FTSE 100 ended 20.7 points easier at 3,728.3, falling 14.9 on the week.

TOKYO - Stocks ended sharply lower, hit by Wall Street's fall overnight and selling related to the expiry of option contracts in the morning. Brokers added that shares, which touched a technical support level on Friday, were unlikely to fall further.

JOHANNESBURG - Industrial shares closed weak, battered by losses on Wall Street on Thursday and a substantially softer rand Friday.

At the close in New York, the dollar traded at 110.80 yen, up from 110.35 yen Thursday. The dollar traded at 1.5236 marks, up from 1.5216 marks. The British pound cost \$1.5515, down from \$1.5533.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (20.6.96) Currency (deposit for) 3 MONTHS 6 MONTHS 12 MONTHS U.S. dollar (\$250,000) 4.625 4.875 5.875

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Histadrut gears for strike

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut's parliament will hold an urgent meeting today to approve the general strike planned for Wednesday as part of the labor movement's protest against the government's economic plan.

The strike is to encompass the public sector, government corporations, government ministries, and all other organized workers. This includes the banks, Israel Electric Corporation, Bezeq, Israel Broadcasting Authority, El Al, airports, municipalities, and civil service.

Some 12,000 to 15,000 workers, led by Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz and union leaders, are to march from Jerusalem's Givat Ram stadium to the Knesset, carrying placards reading, "We demand a just distribution of the burden" among other slogans.

At the Knesset the workers will hold a mass demonstration against the government - aimed mainly against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor - for the budget cuts which they say will only harm lower and middle-income earners.

The Histadrut has hired 300 buses to bring the demonstrators to Jerusalem and has prepared thousands of posters and stickers, which will be distributed today at thousands of workplaces throughout the country.

Peretz sent Meridor a letter last Thursday, urging him to suspend the planned measures and open negotiations to distribute the budget cuts more justly among the population.

The Histadrut is also demanding that NIS 2 billion out of the nearly NIS 5 billion in budget cuts be transferred from the lower income earners to another sector.

"We are approaching the moment of truth," Israel Aircraft Industries union chairman Haim Katz said last week at the union leaders' meeting at which the strike was declared. "This one-day strike is a signal to the government to exercise judgment, a red light saying: you have been warned. I hope this day of strike will paralyze the country, making it seem like Yom Kippur, and I hope there will be need for only one Yom Kippur."

Today, the 300 workers of the Treasury's wage units intend to step up their sanctions, following the Treasury's refusal to keep the wage agreement with them, and stop transferring data to the company producing the Civil Service's pay slips. Also this week, 900 other Treasury workers in charge of payments for budgeted bodies and suppliers, which constitute 80% of the state budget, plan to impose sanctions.

Israeli Embassy protests against Belarus censorship

MINSK, Belarus (AP) - The Israeli Embassy on Friday accused a television network of editing the ambassador's interview to delete references to a government cover-up of the mass killing of Jews there during World War II.

The embassy issued a statement saying Ambassador Elihu Valk gave an interview to the Mir television network last month and specifically asked them not to delete a part of it in which he accused Belarusian authorities of hushing-up the killing of Jews during the Nazi occupation of the former Soviet republic.

The Mir network is run by members of the Commonwealth of Independent States to report political and economic develop-

ments in the loose alliance uniting former Soviet republics.

It's headquartered in Minsk and is closely supervised by the Belarusian government.

The network broadcast Valk's interview, but edited out the very part he asked to keep intact. In the deleted comments, Valk stated that this year, for the first time, the authorities mentioned Jewish victims by name.

"The Embassy of Israel considers it necessary to voice protests against blunt and rude censorship by the television company," the statement said. "The Embassy would like to express hope that it will become the last case of political censorship against foreign diplomatic missions in Belarus."



Princess Mahidol of Thailand (left) receives a welcoming bouquet of flowers from Swissair representative Estie Romer upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport on Friday. The princess, who is traveling with her daughter, is to be hosted to lunch on Tuesday by President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma. (Israel Sun)

High Court blocks Bar-Ilan closure

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice issued both an interim injunction and a show-cause order against the closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan on Friday.

The orders were issued in response to two petitions against the closure, by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) and Lior Horev, an activist with Labor's youth guard. The petitions argued that the closure was illegal because the Transport Ministry did not consult with either the residents of secular neighborhoods or Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. They also charged that the road was being closed due to coalition considerations, and that this is not sufficient reason to close a major artery.

At a hearing on Friday, government attorney Osnat Mandel argued that the injury to secular residents of the city was minimal, while the injury caused religious residents - who are more than 90% of the area's population - by keeping the road open, is great. The

government is planning to close only 1.2 kilometers of the road, between the Yirmiyahu and Sanhedria junctions, she said, and alternate routes exist to and from every point in the city. These alternate routes add only one or two kilometers at most, she said, which is hardly a major inconvenience.

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Elihu Matza and Dalia Dornier were clearly troubled by two points. First of all, they said, both the Transport Ministry and the Sturm Committee, appointed by the city to propose recommendations on the issue, decided the street should be closed only during the hours of prayer services. However, the Transport Ministry's definition of these hours would result in closing the street for more than twice as many hours as the Sturm Committee had recommended - which, the justices said,

seemed rather excessive.

Second, and even more important, was the question of what had made Supervisor of Traffic Alex Langer change his mind. Langer originally vetoed the Sturm Committee recommendations, saying Bar-Ilan was too important an artery to be closed. However, in an affidavit submitted to the court on Friday, he said he had not properly appreciated the degree to which keeping the road open offended the sensibilities of the haredi residents, and therefore now approved the partial closure.

"What he's saying is that his considerations the first time were invalid," said Barak. "Other than the identity of the [transport] minister, what has changed? I read the supervisor's response, and I don't understand."

The justices therefore issued the interim injunction and the show-

cause order, which gives the state 15 days to respond.

Haredi leaders reacted angrily to the decision.

"Why did this happen? Because [previous transport] minister [Yisrael Kessal] never consulted us," said city councilman Dov Rabinovich (UT). "The previous decision was a political decision. This decision is a proper one, which takes Jewish sensibilities into account."

"We've made a bypass road around Ramallah, and we don't go into [parts of] the Old City, because we take [Arab] sensibilities into account," he said. "But you're injuring my sensibilities [by driving on Bar-Ilan] just as I injure Arab sensibilities by praying on the Temple Mount" - which the government forbids Jews to do.

"The road will be closed in the end," said deputy mayor Haim Miller (UT). "Meanwhile, the demonstrations will continue."

HU scientists create calorie-free sweetener

JUDY SIEGEL

A NEW calorie-free sweetener 300 times sweeter than natural sugar has been developed by Hebrew University researchers will be presented at a conference in Jerusalem tomorrow.

The International Symposium on Sweeteners will meet through Friday at the Renaissance Hotel under the auspices of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, HU and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Developed by HU organic chemists Prof. Raphael Ikan, Dr. Bernard Cramer and Dr. Vera Weinstein, the sweetener is based on the plant *Stevia rebaudiana*. The plant has

been grown along the Paraguay-Uruguay border, as well as in the HU's Botanical Garden and in the Negev. Its use was approved in the US by the Food and Drug Administration.

The HU team has developed a patented process for the extraction and purification of the sweetening element steviol from the plant, with the aim of going into commercial production.

The symposium will feature sweetener experts from the US, Europe, South Africa, Japan and Thailand who will discuss their use

in food products, their role in diabetes control and diet, neurophysiological aspects, side effects and legal aspects.

As part of the week's events, the university will present an honorary fellowship to Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol, daughter of the King of Thailand. A professor of organic chemistry and head of a research institute in Bangkok, she is an internationally known expert in natural products and will deliver the symposium's opening lecture.

Meanwhile, leading experts in medicine, ethics and Jewish law will participate in a conference on the subject that opens in Jerusalem tonight.

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Mekorot, Sharon discuss sewage treatment plans

DAVID RUDGE

MEKOROT has already contacted a major sewage treatment and irrigation pipeline project.

The multi-million shekel project is designed to treat the sewage from Jerusalem and towns and cities in the Coastal Plain and pipe it to the Negev to be used for irrigation.

It is estimated that the scheme would produce 80 million-100 million cubic meters of irrigation water a year. This in turn would

release tens of millions of cubic meters of fresh water currently drawn from Lake Kinneret and transported, via the National Water Carrier, to the Negev.

Mekorot director-general Amos Epstein has already raised the matter with Sharon, who is acutely aware of the country's dwindling water resources.

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The experts estimate that it will

be necessary to produce 43 million cu.m. of water from desalination by 2000 to supplement existing resources, and that this will rise to 110 million cu.m. by 2010.

Meanwhile, Mekorot intends to drill 40 new wells this year at a cost of NIS 40 million. Most of the new wells will be drilled in the Arava and Negev.

Mekorot officials noted that the new wells to be drilled in the center and north of the country would replace existing ones that had gone dry and would not increase the overall supply of water.

WEATHER

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Afula 22-32
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Arts head to stay in post until September 1

HELEN KAYE

FIRED Arts and Culture Authority head Yossi Frost announced he will stay in the post until September 1, following a meeting last week with Education Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell.

He had requested the meeting after being notified of his dismissal, "a move that showed lack of respect for the post," Frost said, adding that "I warned him seriously against cutting the cultural budget."

A political appointee, Frost has headed the authority for four years during which time the culture budget rose from NIS 80 million to NIS 270 million. During his tenure he established the Arab Theater in Israel, The Metulla Poetry Festival, and the New Foundation for Film and TV.

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